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Botha lifts some bans as Commonwealth anger mounts

Thatcher set for new clash on sanctions

- Mrs Thatcher looks certain to clash with the Commonwealth over her stance on sanctions against South Africa
There may be a full Commonwealth conference in September if sanctions talks fail this weekend (page 5)
Emergency restrictions on 119 organizations opposed to the Pretoria Government have been lifted
The Australian Prime Minister said sanctions would be effective only if backed by the US and the EEC (page 5)

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister appeared last night to be heading for an almost certain clash with Commonwealth leaders next week if it is stressed that she is determined not to be rushed into further sanctions against South Africa. Despite the conclusion of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, that further measures will be necessary after the failure of his peace mission to southern Africa, it was being said at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that Mrs Thatcher is ready to give little or nothing at the Commonwealth summit, which begins in London on Sunday.

Whitehall sources said after the meeting that the Cabinet had reaffirmed its unanimous support for the policy of Sir Geoffrey and the Prime Minister. It was an unusual move, undoubtedly taken to mask the obvious divisions between the Foreign Office and Downing Street about the desirability of further measures against South Africa. Sir Geoffrey last night denied as "fanciful and fantastic" City reports that he intended to resign over the issue. But there were differing versions in Whitehall of what had been agreed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, and there was anger among some ministers at suggestions that the



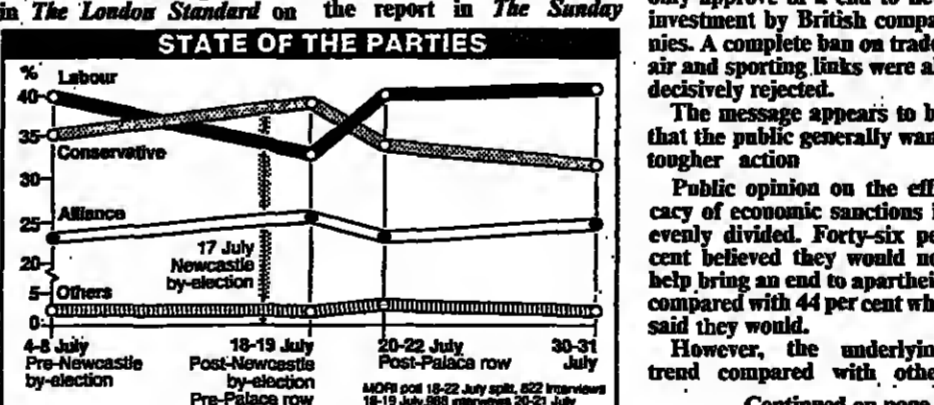
Cabinet members leaving 10 Downing Street: clockwise from top left, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Kenneth Baker, Lord Whitelaw and Sir Geoffrey Howe (Photographs: Leslie Lee)

Palace-Thatcher rift report boosts Labour

By Philip Webster and Mark Dowd

The Government has suffered a dramatic loss of support in the wake of the rift between the Queen and Mrs Margaret Thatcher over South Africa. Labour has shot into a single-point lead since the controversy surfaced on July 20, according to an opinion poll conducted by The Times and Independent Television News Channel 4 News by Market & Opinion Research International.

Another big factor in the drop in the Government's standing has been growing public opposition to its failure to take a tougher line against South Africa, the survey found. The poll, conducted over the past two days, put Labour on 41 per cent, the Conservatives on 32 and the Liberal/SDP Alliance on 25 per cent. This contrasts sharply with the MORI results published in The London Standard on Tuesday which showed a single-point Labour lead, with Labour at 37 per cent, the Conservatives at 36 per cent and the SDP-Liberal Alliance on 23 per cent.



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Mass pickets banned at Wapping

By Tim Jones

Mass picketing at Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International plant at Wapping, east London, was banned by the High Court yesterday. The judge made the order after stating there was "overwhelming evidence" that employees who passed the pickets and daily demonstrators were almost invariably subjected to abuse and threats. There had been, he said, "more sinister behaviour" away from the plant. Some employees had been assaulted on joining or leaving company buses at pick-up or drop-off points.

"Others have been followed, abused, threatened, put in fear and molested. Several have had their cars vandalized at home or had their houses daubed with the word 'scab'." He added: "One had a skip with four yards of earth, a wreath with the words 'in loving memory of X' (and then his name). Yet others have been rung at night, abused and threatened." The judge said that apart from six pickets who may attend at the gate at Wapping for "obtaining or communicating" information, the defendants may not organize pickets or demonstrators to be stationed in any of three roads which skirt the plant.

But he gave the unions the right to organize marches and rallies in and at Wapping provided they were subjected to the direction of the police and conducted properly. Marchers, he said, should go into a square opposite the main entrance to the plant and should not obstruct roads or behave in a threatening, abusive or violent manner. Mr Justice Stuart-Smith had been asked to grant injunctions banning the print unions' Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association, plus named officials, from staging anything but a peaceful picket of six people at the plant where The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and the News of the World are published.

He had also been asked to curb what News International claimed was unlawful picketing, marches and demonstrations at other premises owned by the company. He was, he said, satisfied that the plaintiffs would succeed in their action at trial. "I see no reason why the plaintiffs' employees should be abused, harassed, threatened or assaulted on the way to or from work."

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith added: "Nothing in the release I propose to grant is intended to stop peaceful picketing. And to suggest that the granting of an injunction is a restraint on the freedom of speech is a complete nonsense."

"Freedom of speech has never extended to intimidation, abuse and threats directed at those going about their lawful business."

"Equally, there is no reason why the defendants cannot hold marches and rallies provided these are peaceful and properly controlled and do not deteriorate into violence, assault and nuisance."

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith said it was not suggested that the defendants or those in authority in the unions condoned such behaviour, still less encouraged it. They con-

demned it, he said, and it was against that background that the threats and abuse on the picket line had to be seen.

He added: "It is said on behalf of the defendants that most of those who are responsible for this deplorable violence are not members of their unions, but members of what has been called the lunatic fringe, groups of people who seize upon an industrial dispute as an opportunity to attack the police. No doubt this is so. But equally it is clear to my mind that not insubstantial numbers of those so involved are members of one or another of the unions involved."

In his two-and-a-half-hour reserved judgement, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith outlined the background to the dispute, stating that in January this year Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, was recorded as stating that the industry had worked for many years with three times as many people as were necessary to do the work at wages between twice and five times the national average.

Referring to the background of the dispute, which came to a head in January this year, the judge said the unions had refused company proposals on new technology, flexible working and the abandonment of rigid demarcation lines. The unions counter-claimed with demands of guaranteed jobs until retirement age and automatic pay rises.

In mid-January, the judge said, the two unions bailed their members out of industrial action and received substantial majorities. Next day, Mr Murdoch had written to every individual urging them to stay at work. But the unions took strike action and were served with dismissal notices. "The battle lines were set."

It was, he said, in dispute whether or not the daily

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Tomorrow

Fighting the good fight?



Reflections on war and the Church, by Conor Cruise O'Brien, travelling in Nicaragua

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday between two readers: Mrs L. Hancil of Sunderland and Mrs A.N. Williams of Tiverton, Devon.

Shuttle curb

President Reagan is being urged by his leading space advisers to ban commercial and foreign satellites from future shuttle flights to encourage a private rocket industry

Chess draw

The second World Chess Championship game between champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov ended in a draw after 52 moves

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Western Cape lifts more restrictions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Severe emergency restrictions on the activities of 119 organizations opposed to the Pretoria Government have been lifted by Brigadier Chris Swart, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape. Orders banning black pupils from being outside their classrooms during school hours, and prohibiting the return to the Crossroads squatter camp of those whose shacks were destroyed in violence there, were also withdrawn.

In the Eastern Cape, Brigadier Ernest Schuster, its divisional commissioner, has rescinded restrictions on various organizations, funerals, meetings and school children after they were declared null and void by the supreme court. Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the

Rate rebels lose court fight

Forty-seven rebel councillors in Liverpool, disqualified from office and ordered to pay a £10,103 surcharge for delaying setting a rate, lost their plea for survival in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf, unanimously upheld the ruling of the Divisional Court in March that the councillors were guilty of wilful misconduct by failing to set a rate for 1985-86 before the government deadline.

The Divisional Court had dismissed appeals by the then 49 councillors against findings of the district auditor, Mr Thomas McMahon, saying

City brings in £7.6 billion from overseas

By Our City Staff

The City earned £7.6 billion for the national purse last year, 11 per cent more than in the previous year, the Treasury said yesterday.

The figure - for net invisible overseas earnings - was 40 per cent higher than in 1983.

The performance represented well over half the £12 billion total earned in invisibles by the private sector.

Bankers have lost their position as top earners for the City which they won the previous year, falling from £2.3 billion to £2.1 billion.

Coe departs as Cram and Overtt win gold

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Steve Cram and Steve Overtt won gold medals at the 13th Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh yesterday while their great English rival Sebastian Coe returned home suffering from a throat infection.

In the absence of Coe, the world record holder, Cram easily won the 800 metres in 1min 43.22sec, a UK all-comers record. Tom McKean, of Scotland, was second. Cram was disappointed that Coe was unable to run in the final. He said: "If Seb had competed it would have been a hollow victory never him."

Overtt, the 1980 Olympic

800 metres champion, had his first victory in an international championship for five years at his new distance of 5,000 metres. He finished ahead of England's Jack Buckner. Overtt, who collapsed with dehydration in the Los Angeles Games said afterwards: "If I had not won today people would have written me off."

Tessa Sanderson, the Olympic women's javelin title holder, defeated Fatima Whitbread for the first time since Los Angeles with a throw of 59.80 metres.

Cram's show upstaged, page 32 Games reports, page 29

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# Cardinal acts against book on in vitro fertilization

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has withdrawn his imprimatur, or official "permission to publish", from a book by one of the most distinguished Jesuit theologians in Britain.

The book challenges aspects of official church teaching on sexual morality and supports the use of in vitro embryo fertilization.

It is *Bioethics and Belief* by Father John Mahoney, SJ, who has recently been appointed F.D. Maurice Professor of Theology at King's College, London. He is president of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, and a former principal of Heythrop College, London.

Fr Mahoney, aged 55, a Scot, argues in the book that the church's disapproval of artificial insemination by a husband (AIH) is based on the supposed immorality of masturbation, which in such a context might be excusable.

He questions the church's ban on artificial insemination by a donor (AID), rejecting the official view that it is a form of adultery; and he contradicts the traditional assumption

that an embryo is a human being with a soul from the first moment of conception, and thereby he opens up the possibility of experimentation on early embryos.

Fr Mahoney states that even the use of a "host mother" to bear the child of another woman, using in vitro techniques, is not necessarily immoral.

The appearance of the book in 1984 (published by Sheed and Ward at £3.95) brought complaints from unspecified sources to Cardinal Hume's office that it contradicted official church teaching. He has been in correspondence with the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith concerning his views.

The cancellation of the imprimatur was announced in a joint statement by the author and the vicar general of Westminster, Archbishop, Mgr Ralph Brown, in a restricted-circulation official bulletin called *Briefing*. No other announcement was made.

The statement says that Fr Mahoney was not strictly obliged to seek an imprimatur for his book in the first place.



Two spectators and their pet watching the gundog trials with keen interest yesterday at the Country Landowners Association's Game Fair, at Harewood House, Leeds, West Yorkshire. The annual festival of countryside sports, designed to help farmers and landowners improve their land's sporting potential, finishes tomorrow.

## South-east outstrips all on earnings

By Robin Young

The South-east is now the only region in the United Kingdom with earnings above the national average.

The region tends to dominate the national picture, according to government statisticians, because it has by far the most people — 30 per cent of the UK total — and is more prosperous.

At April 1985 men earned an average of £192 per week in the UK. In the South-east the figure was £214, and in Greater London, £233.

Men in Scotland, the region with the next highest male earnings, earn only £190 a week in spite of high wages in the energy and water supply industries. In Northern Ireland the figure was £172, the lowest rate.

Similarly, the average weekly earnings for women were £126 nationwide, but £141 in the South-east, and

£154 in Greater London. Northern Ireland ranked second, with average earnings for women of £122 weekly.

More than a quarter of the tax units (married couples and individuals) in the South-east had incomes greater than £10,000 a year in 1982-83.

East Anglia, with 23 per cent, was the only other region where that proportion bettered the UK average of 21.6 per cent.

The South-east had average weekly household income of £231 in 1983-84, £40 more than the next region, the South-west. Northern Irish households averaged only £153 a week.

It followed that the South-east had a much higher expenditure a household than any other region.

Though the proportion of household expenditure going on food was less, at 19 per cent, than in any other region, the amount was still greater in

absolute terms than for households elsewhere.

The gross domestic product in the South-east was £92.4 billion in 1984 at current prices, £7 billion up on 1983 and an average a head of £5,402. Northern Ireland was the lowest in the country, at £3,615.

In the 10-year period from 1975 to 1984 the South-east's relative GDP had climbed from 113 to 117 per cent of the UK average.

Personal disposable income grew from 110 per cent of the UK average in 1975 to 114 per cent in 1984. Residents of Greater London were better off still, with personal disposable income 25 per cent above the average in 1984.

By contrast, in the West Midlands PDI a head declined from 115 per cent above the national average in 1975 to 7 per cent below in 1984.

The highest qualified members of the workforce are

concentrated in the South-east, especially Greater London where 13 per cent had a degree or equivalent qualification in 1984.

More than a fifth of the heads of households in the South-east were in managerial or professional employment, a considerably higher proportion than anywhere else. In the North almost half the heads of households were unemployed in 1984.

Unemployment levels in the South-east, at just under 10 per cent in October 1985, were less than anywhere else in the UK.

But even the unemployed had better prospects in the South-east. After the South-west and East Anglia, the region had the lowest proportion of unemployed who had been out of work for more than a year — 36 per cent compared with a UK average of 41 per cent.

Tomorrow: Population

## Road casualties increase in all areas

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Fatal or serious car accidents rose again in 1984 in spite of a fall after the introduction of compulsory seat belts in January 1983.

All areas of the UK showed increased casualties, but the worst record was in London and the South-east with a 6 per cent rise on 1983.

London and the South-east had twice the number of fatal or serious accidents than the rest of the country, with 57 for each 100 kilometres of road.

London also had more child casualties on the roads, with 544 per 100,000 population compared with only 385 in the South-west.

Nearly a third (31 per cent) of all main road accidents in the UK happened at night,

with the proportion rising from South to North where there are longer hours of darkness.

The South-west enjoys the country's highest level of car ownership at 349 cars per 1,000 population.

The country's road vehicle fleet rose 2.8 per cent to 21.2 million in 1984, the figures show. The number of cars rose

by 3.5 per cent to 16.8 million, but the number of two-wheelers — motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds — fell by 4.9 per cent to 1.2 million.

The South-east had the UK's most crowded roads with 57 vehicles per kilometre compared with only 21 in Northern Ireland, the least crowded.

Regional Trends, 21, 1986 (Stationery Office, £17.50).

## Water pollution on increase in Devon

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Pollution of some English waterways increased in the early 1980s, the survey says.

The total length of river and canal classified as of bad or poor quality throughout England and Wales dropped only slightly from 10.5 to 10 per cent.

Although waterway pollution fell sharply in much of southern England and the Midlands, it remained almost static in East Anglia and rose in Devon and Cornwall and between Crewe and the Scottish border, and area covered by the North-western Water Authority.

Although the rise was slight in Devon and Cornwall, the polluted length in the North-west rose from little more than 15 per cent of the total to 20 per cent despite operating expenditure worth more than £10 per head of population in the area.

"There is more dereliction

in the North-western area," the survey report said.

The survey also showed that 18 per cent of the land in the United Kingdom was covered by some blanket restriction on development. Ten per cent was in national parks or Scottish scenic areas and 8 per cent in England, Wales and Northern Ireland was in areas of outstanding natural beauty.

The main land use was still farming, which accounted for 72 per cent of the surface of the United Kingdom. There was evidence of continuing polarization of farming in England and Wales with a heavy concentration of livestock and grazing land in the West with cereals and sugarbeet in the East.

East Anglia contained barely 5 per cent of the farms in the United Kingdom but almost 10 per cent of those of 200 hectares (540 acres) or more.

### Star Wars

## Scientists join forces for space power tests

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British and Israeli scientists are working on a power system for space platforms under a Star Wars research contract from the United States government.

It is thought that the invention could provide between 10 and 50 megawatts of electricity for each platform, or enough to power a small town.

The idea is being developed by a network of university groups brought together by Solmees, a research company specializing in renewable energy technologies, which has offices in London.

The scientists take either a low grade energy source such as geothermal heat, waste hot gas and water, or a diffuse source such as solar power, and convert it into electricity.

Solmees claims that its scientists can take any heat source and convert it into electricity.

The idea for the space system is based on discoveries in magneto-hydrodynamics, MHD, made by Professor Herman Branover, a Russian émigré, at the Ben Gurion University.

The concept is that electric-

ity can be produced by means of a liquid conductor such as mercury or sodium, in place of the conducting coil which a conventional generator uses.

In the 1960s, millions of pounds were spent by Britain the United States and elsewhere to perfect an MHD machine for a commercial power station, but the concept proved fruitless.

However, those schemes were based on forcing a hot stream of gas, which had reached the state of an electrically charged plasma, between the poles of powerful magnets.

The only machine of that generation which produces electricity is in the Soviet Union.

Professor Branover designed a machine that worked at more modest temperatures. Energy from a source of heat is absorbed by a gas-and-liquid-metal mixture in closed-circuit pipes. The hot gas provides the "lift" to force the liquid metal round the pipes, of which some areas are surrounded by a powerful magnet, where the conversion of heat to electricity occurs.

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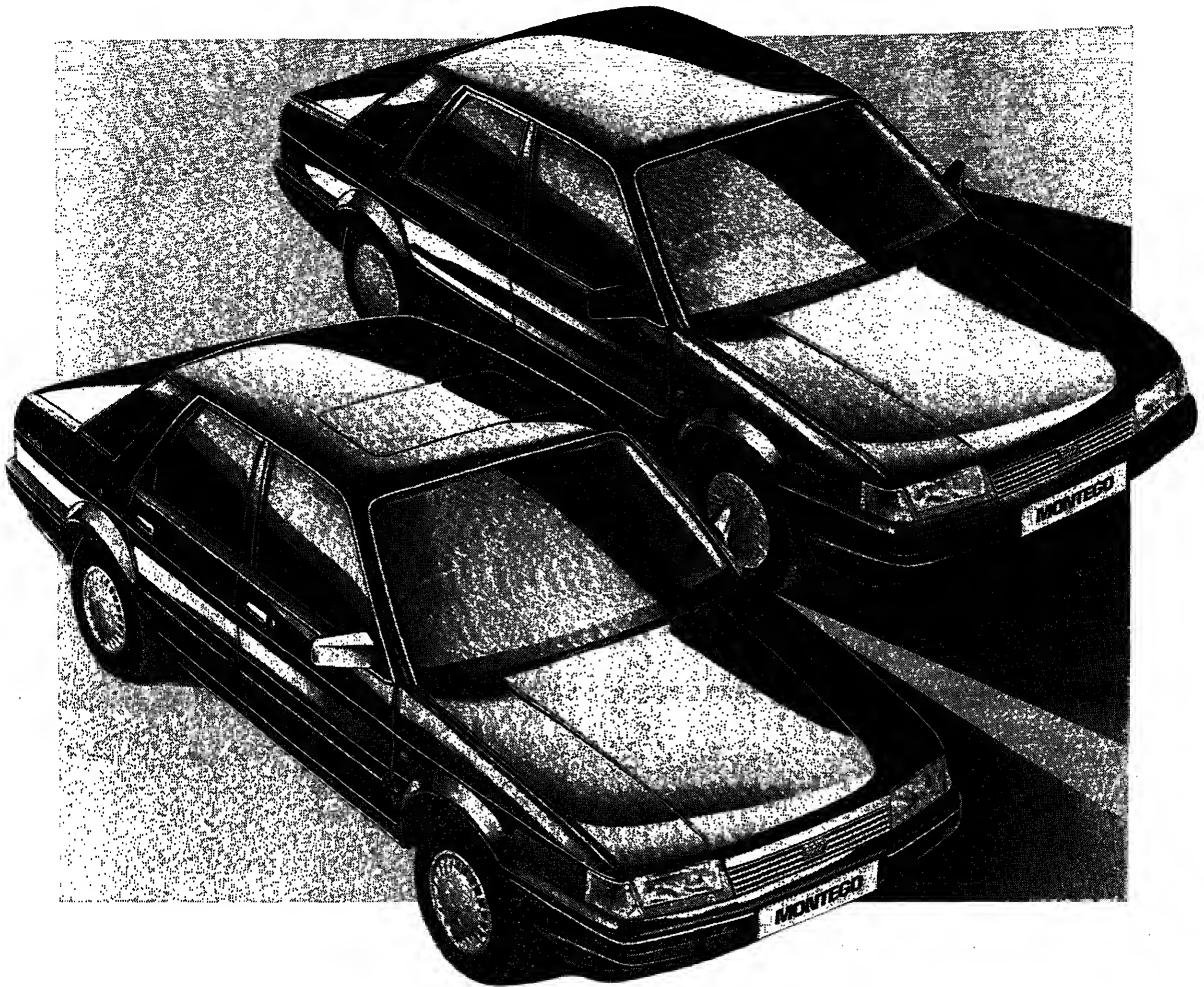
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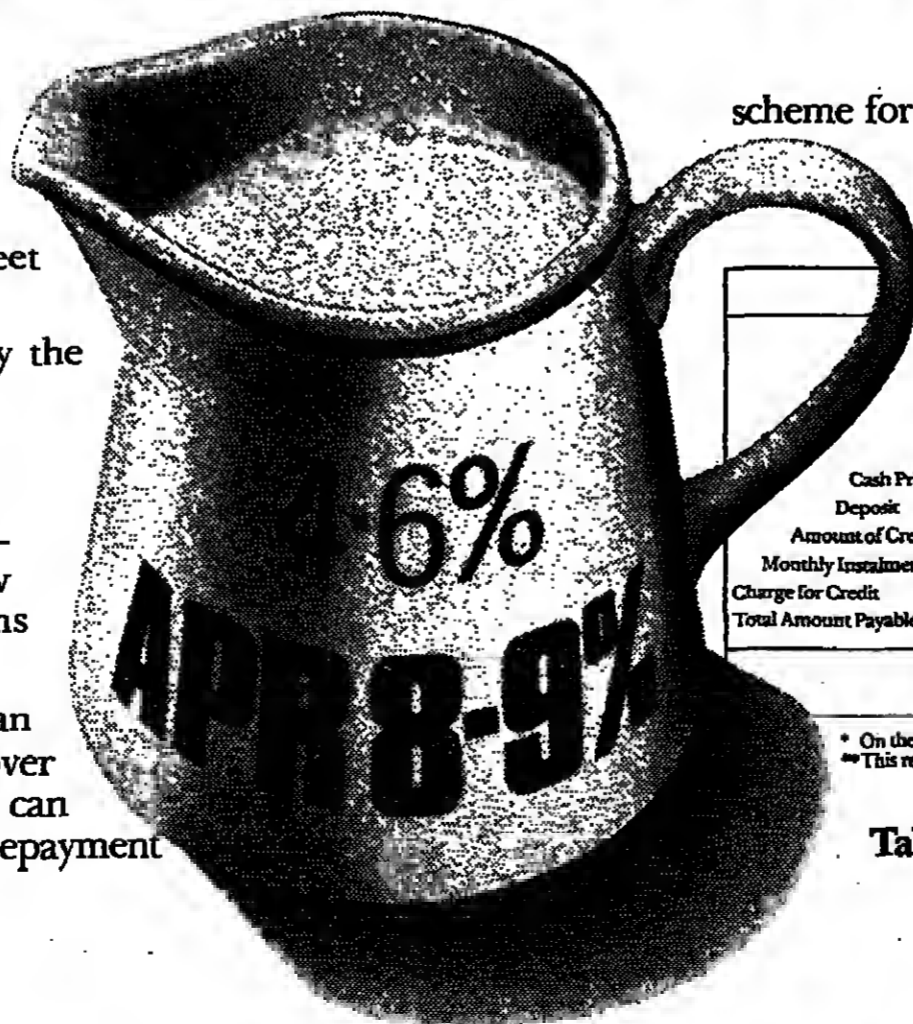
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# Space advisers urge curb on commercial use of shuttle

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A Cabinet council majority is recommending that President Reagan adopt a plan to ban most commercial and foreign satellites from future space shuttle flights, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

The plan, according to *The Washington Post*, is part of a new initiative to spur development of a private rocket industry. It would effectively end Nasa's long-standing efforts to promote the shuttle as an economical self-sufficient space transport system.

Under the proposal, virtually all private communications satellites would be barred from future shuttle launches, leaving the shuttle to carry almost exclusively military and scientific payloads when flights resume in 1988.

The newspaper said that of the 43 Nasa contracts to launch commercial and foreign payloads up to 1994, only about six or eight would end up on the shuttle if the plan is adopted by Mr Reagan — there does exist, however, an option for a more gradual phasing-out of commercial customers.

One immediate consequence of the plan, if approved, would be to deprive Nasa of about \$850 million in revenue it would receive from the American Satellite Company and other commercial customers.

These firms have argued that barring them from US-subsidized shuttle flights would leave them with no choice but to turn to the West European Ariane rocket or the Chinese Loog March rocket.

Meanwhile, a White House spokesman emphasized that Mr Reagan had been given many differing views about whether a new \$2.8 billion

(about £1.9 billion) shuttle orbiter should be built to replace the Challenger, which exploded soon after blast-off on January 28 killing its crew of seven. He said the President was expected to take the decision soon.

● **British proposal:** A group of British design experts of aircraft ejector seats have submitted a proposal to Nasa for their use in manned spacecraft (Pearce Wright writes).

Nasa has been studying the feasibility of an ejector escape system for its shuttle programme since the Challenger disaster in January.

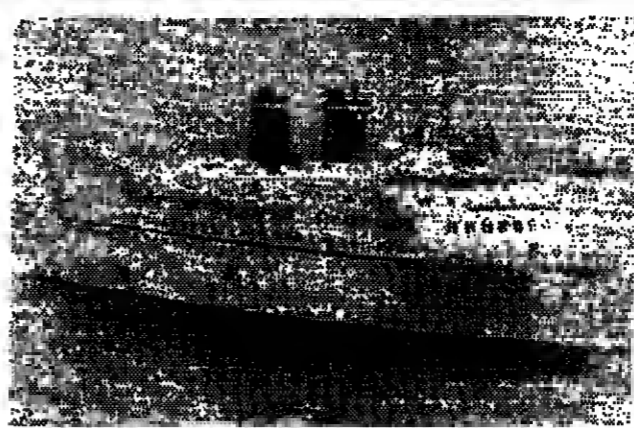
Even though the tape recording of the final conversation between the Challenger astronauts and ground control which was released earlier this week, showed that the crew's commander knew something had gone wrong, there was no suggestion that anyone might have escaped.

But some space experts have suggested that in a serious but less catastrophic accident, ejector seats could be of value.

The scheme suggested by Martin Baker Engineering, a firm based at Denham, Buckinghamshire, uses a technique designed for the Royal Air Force's Vulcan V-bomber.

The central crew member in a row of three seats ejects through his hatch. The other two then tilt their seats towards the same hole and are blasted out.

If a similar idea was adopted for the shuttle programme, it would mean building three emergency escape hatches in the next shuttle, Orbiter, and redesigning the seating arrangements.



A US Coast Guard cutter near the Emerald Seas (above) after the explosion while passengers (left) jam a lifeboat.

# US cruise passengers tell of blast terror

Miami (Reuter) — Passengers returning to port yesterday on the fire-damaged cruise liner Emerald Seas told of a panicky stampede to lifeboats, missing life preservers, frightful screams from below decks and heroic deeds of crew members.

Their holiday cruise turned into a nightmare on Wednesday when an explosion and fire flared deep within the ship, injuring 17 people and forcing almost a thousand passengers to flee in lifeboats.

"For a few minutes I thought we were all going to die," said Mrs Rebecca Gordon, aged 46, a passenger of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs Gordon and her daughter, Melissa, aged 11, were thrown from their beds by the concussion of the blast one deck below them. Within seconds smoke began seeping into their cabin. Guided by a crew member, they managed to escape by crawling on their hands and knees through smoke-filled halls packed with screaming passengers.

# Japan backs down over US dumping

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Minutes before a midnight deadline elapsed on Wednesday Japanese microchip manufacturers agreed to increase prices of their products in the United States, in the face of a threat by American authorities to impose duty if no agreement could be reached.

The settlement is the climax of a battle that has raged for months between the Japanese, their American counterparts and the US Department of Commerce. The Japanese were accused of dumping microchips on the US market and undermining the American electronics and computer industries.

Details of the US-Japanese agreement were disclosed yesterday by US Commerce Secretary, Mr Malcolm Baldrige.

"The Japanese have agreed out to dump in the United States, not to dump in third countries that could ship to the market for memory chips to Japan, which we feel has been closed to US exports," he said.

Implementation of the second part of the agreement might still prove a problem for the US. Japanese manufacturers — and consumers — are notorious for buying Japanese unless a foreign product is obviously superior. American manufacturers only command 8 per cent of the semiconductor market in Japan. Mr Baldrige said: "The Japanese have agreed to accept more memory chips by opening their market. There will be benchmarks as to how they are progressing in that area. It won't be hard to find out. It's not something they can run and hide from."

# Seaga rocked by local elections

By Jeremy Taylor

The possibility of early general elections has become an issue in Jamaica after a massive opposition victory in Tuesday's local government elections.

Mr Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister and leader of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), conceded defeat late on Tuesday night. By then the opposition People's National Party (PNP) of Mr Michael Manley, the former prime minister, had won a clear majority of 99 seats to 39, with 49 still to be declared.

The PNP was expected to take 57 to 60 per cent of the vote.

The local elections had been postponed several times, and were the first chance Jamaicans had to comment on Mr Seaga's record since 1980, when the JLP was swept into power promising "deliverance" from Mr Manley's democratic socialism.

Taking advantage of early firm action and American support, Mr Seaga called a snap election in late 1983, which he won with barely a vote cast against him.

The PNP, claiming that an understanding of electoral reform had been violated, boycotted the election, and has had no parliamentary presence since.

The drastic austerity measures which Mr. Seaga embraced have sparked several periods of acute protest, including serious upheavals in January and June last year.

But on May 1, Mr Seaga announced the first optimistic and expansionary Budget in years.

He suggested that economic recovery was well under way and ostentatiously defied the financial orthodoxy of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, on whose largesse and austere policies economic recovery had been based.

Sceptics argued that Mr Seaga was hoping that his Budget would ensure success in this week's voting and prepare the way for a third general election victory which would take him well into the 1990s and leave plenty of time for further work on recovery.

Mr Manley, somewhat mollified and chastened since his socialist enthusiasm of the 1970s, had firmly described Tuesday's voting as a referendum on the Government's record, and is now calling more loudly than ever for general elections.

# Sudanese rebels talk peace

Addis Ababa (AP) — The Sudanese Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, and Colonel John Garang, leader of the southern Sudanese rebels, met yesterday for discussions at the most senior level since Colonel Garang began his insurgency three years ago.

A spokesman for the rebels, who identified himself as Captain Daouel, refused to give the location.

Col Garang is leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, which is fighting for greater autonomy in southern Sudan and economic and administrative reforms.

Mr al-Sadiq, whose Umma Party won most seats in the April election which returned Sudan to civilian government, was in Addis Ababa for the regular summit of the Organization of African Unity.

# Judge shot dead in ambush

Bogotá — A leading Colombian Supreme Court judge was assassinated here yesterday in what appeared to be a contract killing, sponsored by the nation's notorious drug mafia (Jeffrey Matthews writes).

Dr Hernando Baquero Borda was killed when his official car was ambushed by armed men on two high-speed motorcycles. His wife was also injured.

# Muslim insult

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — A Malaysian court jailed New Zealand missionary Grant Terrence Nesdale for one day and fined him £166 for hurting the religious feeling of a Muslim by saying: "Your Islam is not original, your Koran is not true and Prophet Muhammad is not true."

# Free again

Nicosia (Reuter) — Cyprus has freed Sami Anis Naken Nasr, aged 26, a Palestinian jailed for seven years in January for trying to smuggle arms hidden in wine bottles on a civilian flight from the island to Jordan, his defence lawyer said. No reason was given.

# France jails 3 Basques

The French Government expelled a Basque refugee to Spain yesterday and jailed three suspected members of the French Basque separatist organization, Iparratarak, on explosives and armed robbery charges (Our Foreign Staff writes). José Luis Artola, a suspected member of Eta, who was handed over on Monday, alleged to court that he had been maltreated by Spanish police.



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Inter-communal violence growing

Gandhi under fire for 'illiberal acts' of Indian Government

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Just as Mr Rajiv Gandhi prepares to leave for London...

the executive to decide what was in the public interest.

tion did not apply to Jammu and Kashmir, which has a serious border problem with Pakistan.

The Times of India, which opposes the Government, said yesterday: "Petroleum prices, the territorial transfers in Punjab, appointments of senior

card" in trying to suppress the Sikh agitation in Punjab.

Recent events in Gujarat, where a Hindu procession was allowed to march through a predominantly Muslim area and so sparked long days of lethal rioting, are blamed on the Government.

In yesterday morning's papers, to take but one day's news, deaths from inter-communal incidents are reported from Darjeeling, Indore, and Patna, and areas of Delhi were still under curfew.

Mr Kuldip Nayar, the distinguished columnist, who is also a correspondent for The Times, writes in an article in The Tribune, an English language newspaper published from Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab and Haryana, that "no longer do the people belonging to one community feel that it is their duty as civilised human beings to ensure that the susceptibilities of the members of other communities are not hurt".

Mr Nayar, who is himself a Punjabi Hindu, writes that the Punjab situation has affected the Hindu psyche. "The majority community has developed a siege mentality," he says. He adds that "the Government's attitude to communalism betrays complacency."

Killings in renewed Punjab violence

A Sikh bank chairman and a Hindu shopkeeper have been shot dead by suspected Sikh extremists in renewed violence in Punjab (Reuter reports from Delhi). Mr Amar Singh, aged

70, chairman of the Moga Land Mortgage Bank, was killed in Langana village. The shopkeeper, Mr Nand Lal, was shot in a separate incident in Khiala village.

"protected" in border states. At a meeting with parliamentary opposition leaders Mr Gandhi was told that the powers he was proposing were not only overbearing but unnecessary since they were already provided by the Constitution, though with greater democratic safeguards.

With an angry eye on a junior minister in the Law Ministry who was accompanying him and who had not apparently appreciated this point, Mr Gandhi withdrew the measure.

But it was pointed out yesterday that even this was not quite right, since the specific clause in the Constitu-

officials and diplomats, important economic policies — one thing after another testifies to an amateurishness that everyone wishes the Government would outgrow.

The Government fumbled earlier this year in bringing before Parliament a Bill relieving Muslim men of the burden of paying alimony to their divorced wives. But the Bill now passed has led to the Government being accused of pandering to Muslim communalism.

The Government is accused often enough of pandering to Hindu communalism, and commentators say that Mrs Gandhi "played the Hindu

Indian society, too, is being criticised for a growing wave of inter-communal intolerance.

For good measure recent government actions have shown a high level of incompetence in the upper reaches of the Indian power structure.

The Government was accused of a "black act" when it passed a Bill on Wednesday empowering it to refuse to publish official tribunal reports, if it considered it contrary to the national interest.

Opposition MPs walked out of the session of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament, when they failed to force the Government to publish the report of an inquiry into the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former prime minister.

Professor Madhu Dandavate, parliamentary leader of the opposition Janata party, who headed the walk-out, described the Bill as "undemocratic and illegal". He said it was dangerous to leave



The American-born wife of King Hussein, Queen Nur, right, showing Mrs Barbara Bush, the US Vice-President's wife, around the SOS Children's Village in Amman.

Bush plan for summit rejected by Jordan

Amman (AFP) — Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, met Jordanian leaders here yesterday for talks which mainly focused on efforts to revive the flagging Middle East peace process, authoritative sources said.

But despite Mr Bush's encouragement, the sources said the Jordanian side rejected any plan for a summit between King Hussein and Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, similar to last week's meeting between the Israeli leader and King Hassan of Morocco.

Mr Bush conferred yesterday with Mr Zeid Rifaat, the Jordanian Prime Minister, and Crown Prince Hassan Ibn Talal. He met King Hussein on Wednesday evening shortly after arriving from Israel for a four-day official visit.

Mr Bush said on Wednesday in Jerusalem that he would be taking ideas to Amman that Mr Peres asked him to pass on to King Hussein.

But Jordanian sources said Amman would turn down any separate peace deal with Israel. Jordan would only talk with Israel at an international Middle East conference. JERUSALEM: Mr William Casey, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director, visited Israel this month. Israeli security sources said (Reuter reports). Israeli military censorship prevented Reuters from reporting the subject of Mr Casey's talks.

A US television network reported last night that he visited Israel and Syria in a bid to prevent war between the two countries.

There has been tension between the two countries over Syria's military construction in southern Lebanon, its reported acquisition of Soviet SS21 surface-to-surface missiles and its backing for Arab guerrillas, who have claimed responsibility for a recent series of attacks on Israeli targets.

The Israeli security sources confirmed Mr Casey's visit but said the intelligence chief was a regular visitor.

Syria denied yesterday that Mr Casey had visited that country.

Border marked: An Egyptian border marker went up on a hillside in the disputed beach resort of Taba yesterday morning as negotiators were carrying out an on-site inspection of the area (Ian Murray writes).

The marker was put up by the Egyptian delegation, who had arrived in Taba first. It was removed after protests by the tardy Israeli delegation, who described the incident as "psychological warfare" in the last stages of the marathon four year long argument over who should have sovereignty over the tiny area.

After the inspection of the 700-yard-long beach the two teams retired to the nearby Israeli resort of Eilat to discuss how to measure the disputed area.

Zimbabwe customs men lose appeal

Harare — The Zimbabwe Supreme Court dismissed an appeal yesterday against the continued detention without trial of two white senior customs officers alleged to have spied for South Africa (Jan Raath writes). The decision ends six

months of legal battles since the arrest on February 22 of Mr John Austin, aged 36, and Mr Kenneth Harper, aged 43.

Five court rulings that their detention was illegal and three subsequent release orders have been followed by their re-detention.

The courts have ruled that the reasons given for their detentions were flimsy.

But yesterday, Mr Justice Enock Dumbutshena, the Chief Justice, said reasons for the latest detention order on June 26 were "sufficiently detailed".

Era ends in British Columbia

From A Correspondent Vancouver

The 34-year Bennett political dynasty in British Columbia will come to an end next week when Mr Bill Vander Zalm takes over as Social Credit Party leader and Premier of the province.

He quit active politics before the 1983 election after serving in several ministries after his first electoral victory in 1975.

Mr Vander Zalm, with grassroots support but not that of the party hierarchy, led from the first of four ballots in the leadership campaign that attracted 12 candidates.

Mr Bennett announced his retirement this summer after serving as Premier since 1975. He took over the party from his father, Mr W A C Bennett, in 1972 following defeat by the New Democratic Party.

The elder Mr Bennett founded the coalition Liberal-Conservative Party as a means of holding back the Socialist Party.

Mr Vander Zalm, aged 52, is a native of the Netherlands who was brought to Canada at the age of 12. He built up a multi-million nursery and gardening export company.

Since the party's term does not expire until 1988, the new Premier plans to seek a seat in a by-election before October.

Wellington budget hits tax dodgers

Richard Long, Wellington

Mr Roger Douglas, the New Zealand Finance Minister, last night presented to Parliament a Budget which promised to close tax loopholes and thwart company tax evasion.

He did not give details of the proposed measures, which he claimed could save millions of dollars a year in evaded tax.

But he said the new tax rules would be modelled on Canadian legislation to bring the tax treatment of certain expenditure and income closer to normal accounting treatment.

He also ruled out the future use of special partnerships as a tax dodge — a move dubbed Draconian by some business sectors — and warned that legislation would be introduced to ban business expense deductions unless businesses declared a profit.

First-year depreciation allowances of 25 per cent on new plants and equipment are scrapped, except for farming and fishing equipment, but these will also go in 1988.

But while the changes were disliked by some sectors, the country's Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers Federation and Employers Federation, which have supported the thrust of the free-market Minister's reforms, gave the Budget their approval.

But Mr Douglas once again earned the displeasure of the country's Federation of Labour, which said there was nothing in the Budget for the worker.

For the man in the street the main features were a 70 cent (24p) rise for a packet of 20 cigarettes, taking the price to \$NZ2.50 (87p) a packet, and a 6 cent a litre drop in the price of petrol, to 76 cents a litre, premium grade. But the petrol price drop will be a two-month wonder as the Government's VAT-style goods and services tax, to be applied from October, will increase the price to 84 cents.

Mr Douglas said the price of new cars would increase by 5 per cent under the expenditure tax, although previously the Government had said sales tax would be adjusted to prevent price fluctuations.

The most dramatic feature of the Budget was a plan to refinance \$NZ2.2 billion (£2.5 billion) of the debt problems of the New Zealand meat and dairy boards and the so-called "think big" projects built during the government of Mr Robert Muldoon.

Mr Douglas described the costs of the projects on the taxpayer as "mad", "crazy" and "mind-boggling".

Whacked mugger jailed

New York (UPI) — A mugger who was thrashed with a parasol by the 87-year-old widow of a British knight has been jailed for two years.

Jose Ramos, aged 38, pleaded guilty to robbery charges and Justice Peter McQuillan of the state Supreme Court sentenced him to two to four years in prison.

Lady Vera, widow of Sir Charles Tucker, who was knighted for philanthropic work, captured the hearts of New Yorkers by belabouring

Ramos when he tried to escape on a bicycle after stealing her purse near Park Avenue on May 26.

She said at the time that her parasol was bent from the force of her attack. "I was furious," she said.

Lady Vera, a white haired octogenarian, was walking along the street when Ramos grabbed her purse as he cycled by and tried to pedal away. A bystander heard her cries and held him until the police arrived.

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# Philippine commission urges retrial of 26 for murder of Aquino

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A special commission appointed by the Philippine Supreme Court recommended yesterday that 26 people, including the former military Chief of Staff, be retried for the 1983 murder of the then opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, the husband of President Corason.

In a 63-page report, the three-member commission recommended the Supreme Court declare a mistrial and reopen the case, because outside pressure led to the mass acquittal. It said there was "adequate credible evidence" to show that the three-man trial court and the prosecution "acted under the compulsion of some pressure... beyond their capacity to resist" when acquitted the former armed forces Chief of Staff, General Fabian Ver, 24 soldiers and a civilian last December. The ten-month trial last year was "vitiating by lack of due process" which prevented the prosecution from presenting all available evidence against the accused and "predetermined the final outcome", the commissioners concluded.

Mr Conrad Vasquez, report claims pressure at trial.

During one month of public hearings, the chief prosecutor, Mr Manuel Herrera, alleged that the former president, Mr Ferdinand Marcos called the chief judge and the prosecuting panel to the presidential palace and suggested that they stage a mock trial. Mr Herrera also testified to the commission, headed by Mr Conrad Vasquez, a retired judge, that Mr Marcos monitored the proceedings by closed circuit television and several times telephoned the prosecuting panel offering advice on the conduct of the trial. The commission's recommendations upheld a petition filed by a group of prominent Filipinos that a mistrial be declared and a new trial called. The Supreme Court's decision will be announced after the prosecution and defence panels receive copies of the commission's report and respond to it within 10 days, Mr Claudio Techanke, the Chief Justice, said. Court officials said the recommendations of the three commissioners - all hand-picked by the Supreme Court justices - would weigh heavily in favour of a re-trial decision by the High Court. Mr Aquino was murdered at Manila airport in August 1983 on his return from three years self-imposed exile in the United States. Before that he was held for almost eight years under military detention. Before his death, he was regarded as Mr Marcos's chief political rival. His slaying triggered mass protests which culminated in February's civilian-backed military revolt, toppled the 20-year Marcos regime, and swept Mrs Aquino to power. Former General Ver, who was charged as an accessory in the case, fled with Mr Marcos to exile in Hawaii.



A Thai policeman carrying away a time bomb in his helmet after it was discovered and defused in a Bangkok theatre.

# Prem gets nod for his third term as Thai premier

Bangkok (Reuter) - Thailand's largest political party nominated General Prem Tinsulanonda yesterday for a third term as Prime Minister and national leaders met to form a new government with unprecedented House support.

King Bhumibol was expected to appoint General Prem as leader soon after the Democrats decided to join the Chart Thai and Social Action (SAP) parties in a new coalition government, a Democrat spokesman said. A party press statement called General Prem a "good and honest man" worthy of setting up a Cabinet to administer the country. A senior government official said intermedialies of General Chaovalit Yongchayrath, the Army commander and a staunch supporter of General Prem, have asked political leaders to waste no time in forming the coalition. He said General Chaovalit was concerned that small street demonstrations protesting against General Prem's return as an unelected Premier during the past three days could lead to unrest. The Democrat nomination removed the last major opposition in the 347-seat Lower House to General Prem's return. Their 100 seats coupled with the 63 of the Chart Thai and the 51 occupied by the SAP would give General Prem a clear majority. The General has been in office since 1980. He met one senior Democrat official yesterday to discuss the new government and Cabinet posts, but negotiations with the leaders of the three major political parties could take up to a week to complete. General Prem and the Army may want to continue the tradition of reserving the ministries of Defence, Interior and Finance for non-politicians. General Prem has been the Defence Minister since 1979. The General, who did not run in last Sunday's general elections, has not commented on his plans. He delayed his return yesterday to Bangkok from his north-eastern provincial home, which he says is "free from worry". During the election campaign the Democrats asked General Prem to step aside for Mr Bhaichai Rattakul, the leader of the biggest block of elected deputies, but Chart Thai and SAP asked him to stay on to block the Democrat chief from office. A few hundred students and unionists protesting against General Prem's expected return rallied peacefully outside Parliament and Government House yesterday.

# US official happy with Chinese arms talks

From Robert Grievs Peking

Dr Kenneth Adelman, the Director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency yesterday hailed China's "greater involvement" in arms control issues.

Dr Adelman arrived in Peking on Tuesday with a delegation of US arms control specialists, for talks with the Chinese on US disarmament initiatives. He last visited Peking in 1984. In 1983 a Chinese delegation went to Washington. Last week Soviet officials visited Peking to put their case in the disarmament debate. Dr Adelman said he found the Chinese to be "quite open, frank and direct" and more interested in discussing arms control issues than at any previous time. But he admitted that he did not detect any change in China's continuing opposition to the US Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). Dr Adelman said: "We are at the beginning stage of research, and the strategic results are not yet clear. But I believe SDI is here to stay." He also briefed the Chinese on the contents of a letter President Reagan sent to Mr Gorbachov on nuclear disarmament.

# Malaysian election Opposition faces one-sided contest

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's general elections normally are devoid of surprises: the Government stands on its record while the opposition tries to whitewash away as much of its huge official majority as it can. It has always been an unequal contest. The ruling coalition has won by at least a two-thirds majority in every previous election except in 1969 when it won by 61 per cent. The general election tomorrow and Sunday is not expected to cause an upset. At stake are 177 parliamentary and 351 state assembly seats. Elections also are being held for 11 of the 13 state assemblies.

On nomination day the ruling National Front coalition was returned unopposed in six parliamentary and eight state assembly constituencies. In the fray three main political groupings formed: the National Front, the People's Justice Movement - a loose arrangement of four parties led by the theoretic Parti Islam Malaysia (PAS), and the urban-based Democratic Action Party.

Electoral swings in Malaysia do not come about on urban issues. It is the rural vote that keeps the coalition in power because issues like the new economic policy, the Government's alleged mishandling of a banking and provident fund, and other official acts of commission and omission are discounted in the countryside, where there is more concern over low prices for rice, palm-oil and rubber.

Even the fundamentalist Islamic pressures that upset the urban community make no impact in the rural areas. Traditional conservative Muslims see nothing wrong in an Islamic state as envisaged in the Koran. The ruling coalition and PAS are both committed to Islamization, but they differ on the form it would take. Another election issue is the 1.5 million illegal Muslim immigrants from Indonesia and the Philippines. Once they were regarded as merely boosting the number of Muslims in the country and officials turned a blind eye as many jumped the queue to become permanent residents and citizens ahead of time. But now they are seen to be

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# Jakarta sets up team to spend aid faster

Jakarta (Reuter) - Indonesia has set up a special ministerial team to solve one of its most pressing problems - how to spend aid money more quickly. The group has been announced after complaints from aid donors and the World Bank about slow implementation of development projects. According to the World Bank, Indonesia had spent less than half of its outstanding Bank aid of \$7.44 billion (about £10 billion) up to December. Total loans from donor governments and international lending agencies amounted to \$24.64 billion, of which \$9.56 billion had not been spent, it said. In its annual report on Indonesia the Bank said that spending was well below the worldwide average. Jakarta has blamed the delays on land acquisition problems, budgeting and financial procedures, finding suitable sub-contractors, poor management and red tape. It says that the new team, which is headed by the minister in charge of administrative reform, Dr Saleh Affif, would be able to cut through the delays. "It may make on-the-spot decisions and bypass time-consuming and complicated procedures which delay the implementation of a project," the Cabinet Secretary, Mr Mardiono, said. Indonesia has been hard hit by falling oil prices, from which it gets 70 per cent of its foreign exchange. It was forced to cut its development budget. Aid projects include new rubber plantations, dams, roads, housing, resettlement and electrification schemes. At their latest meeting in The Hague in June, 14 aid donors, including the World Bank, pledged a total of \$2.5 billion in assistance this year.

**Bush plan for summit rejected by Jordan**  
Tunman (AFP) - President Bush's plan for a summit between George Bush and King Hussein of Jordan has been rejected by King Hussein. The Jordanian king has authorized the rejection of the plan for a summit between the two leaders. The Jordanian king has authorized the rejection of the plan for a summit between the two leaders. The Jordanian king has authorized the rejection of the plan for a summit between the two leaders.

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# Caging the violence of Sicily

As the Mafia trial in Palermo enters its seventh month, with hundreds facing charges from murder to kidnapping, Caroline Moorehead explores the change of mood — and the considerable risks — that enabled the *Mafiosi* to be brought to book

A large poster hangs on the wall of a second-floor flat in a quiet street lined with flowering clematis in the middle of Palermo. It is an invitation to attend a public debate in Monreale, a city that contains the greatest and most splendid of the Norman mosaic churches. The date on the poster is February 1981: the title of the debate *Mafia Oggi - Mafia Tomorrow*.

There were four speakers: Rocco Chinnici, a magistrate, famous for his insistence that ordinary Sicilians should resist the manipulations of the Mafia; Pio La Torre, a Communist deputy, who proposed a law permitting magistrates to look into the bank accounts of people suspected of laundering Mafia funds; Gaetano Costa, Palermo's attorney-general, willing signatory to the arrest warrants of wanted *Mafiosi*; and Umberto Santini, director of the *Centro Siciliano di documentazione Giuseppe Impastato*, a research centre on the Mafia, where the poster hangs. Of the four men, only Santini is alive

though also with some scepticism. "What is important is that the trial is happening, and seen to be happening," he says. "It is the first time in Sicilian history that the state has shown that it intends to deal with the Mafia."

In Sicily they call it the *maxi-processo*: the maxi-trial. There are 474 men on trial, 100 of whom have not been caught but are being tried *in absentia*. Among those captured is Luciano Liggio, who at 19 was the youngest Mafia chief in Sicilian history and rose to become the most feared leader in the modern Mafia. Liggio looks like a wise and ageing professor of linguistics at some northern university, with a cold stare above a peppery, dark beard.

Then there are the Greco brothers, Michele and Salvatore. Michele comes to the trial in a yellow cardigan a neat, portly figure more readily imagined behind the desk of a provincial bank. His speciality is said to be the disposal of bodies. These three are considered the most valued captives.

## Palermo, the drugs capital of the world

today. He says he owes this to the fact that, alone of the four, he has "no power and no money".

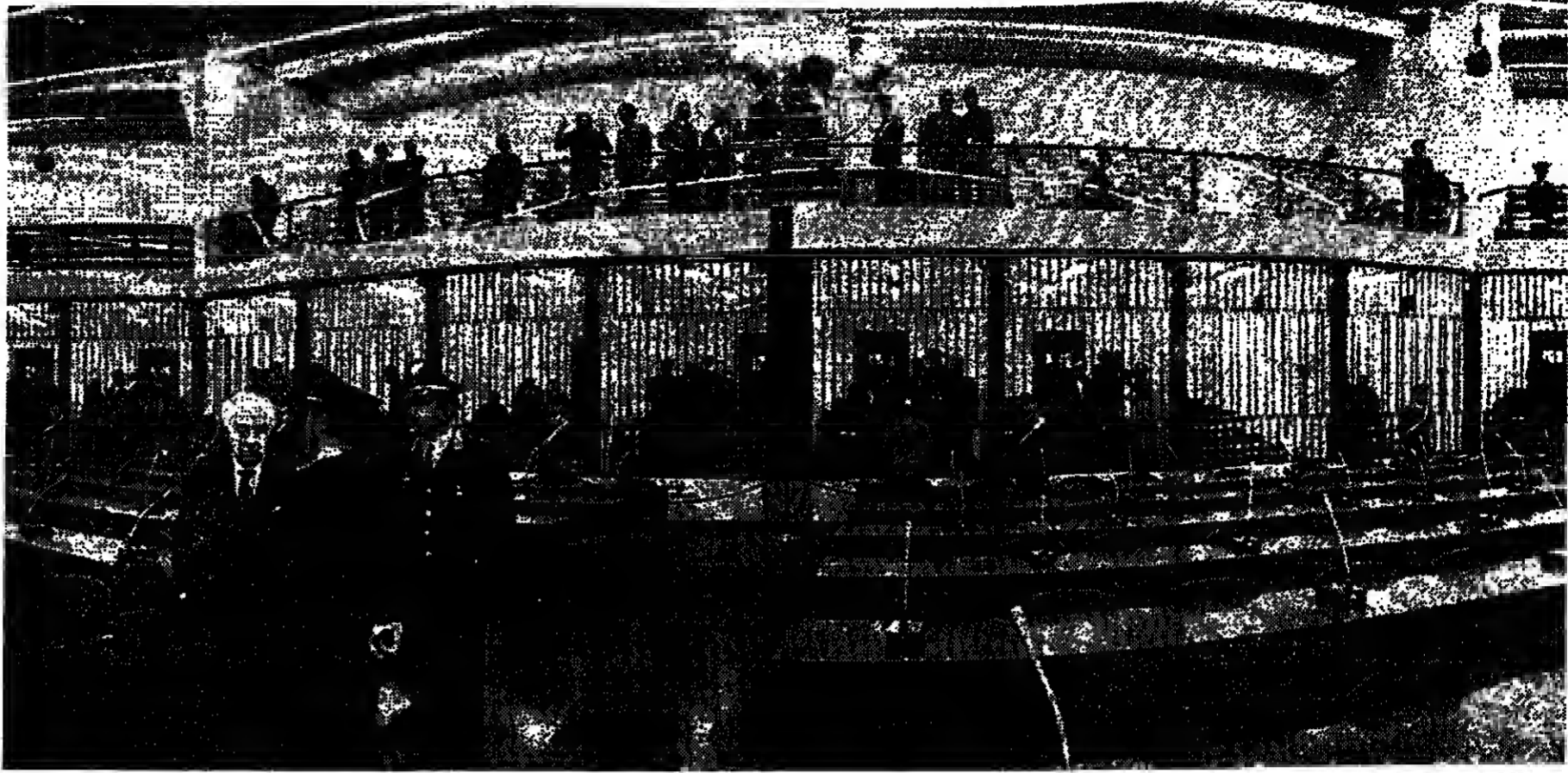
Chinnici, La Torre and Costa, who had, if not precisely power, at least a public presence and a voice loud enough to earn the enmity of the Mafia, all died within a few months of each other, shot down in the streets of Palermo. Santini is one of a small and brave collection of Sicilians, particularly in Palermo, the undisputed centre of Mafia activities, to be conducting private battles to check the still formidable power of the Mafia *cosche*, or families.

His wife Anna is a member of the Association of Sicilian Women against the Mafia, formed by the widows of some of the murdered officials. Like the others, Santini is watching the Palermo Mafia trial — which opened in February and is the largest trial of Mafia suspects ever held — with interest,

Alongside are ordinary men of the Mafia. They may look like teachers or lorry drivers but they are in the dock on trial for arms trading, trafficking in cocaine and heroin on a scale which has made Palermo the drugs capital of the world, and for about 100 different murders. There are also charges of kidnapping and extortion, but these are spoken of as small misdemeanours.

For trying these men a vast new courtroom has been built in reinforced concrete and steel within the Ucciardone prison in the centre of Palermo. Visitors come to gaze at the great fortress and most particularly at the armoured personnel carriers, like small tanks, manned and guarded by soldiers in bullet-proof vests. The tourists also speculate about the famed steel cages in which those on trial are kept, and without which the violence might become uncontrollable.

The Palermo trial was born out of a feeling of disgust, a revulsion against the violence which was apparently overwhelming the city. The late 1970s had seen a lull in Mafia killings after the terrible slaughter of the 1960s, when rival



Massive security for the maxi-trial: the barred courtroom cage built for the trial inside Palermo's Ucciardone prison, a fortress guarded by armed soldiers

Mafia families tore themselves apart with car bombs played all over Palermo. The Mafia leaders spent those years moving into a new field, setting up international connections, mainly with heroin traffickers in Marseille. With the subsequent rise in financial stakes came violence. At the end of 1980 another war broke out between *mafiosi* in the capital.

It began with the strange murder of a monk in his cell in the Convent of Santa Maria di Gesù, where police found no Franciscan poverty hut seven cells containing arms, liquor and colour television sets, as well as evidence of links to known Mafia drug traffickers. The violence spread to take in the assassination of other Mafia members, then carabinieri, journalists and magistrates. By the end of 1981, more than 100 people had died violently in Palermo alone.

Rome resolved to fight back. General Carlo Alberto dalla Chiesa, veteran of the struggles in mainland Italy against the Red Brigades, was named Prefect of Palermo. He had been in Sicily less than four months when he and his wife were ambushed in their car. Other magistrates and policemen died after them, but by now the arrests had begun.

About five tons of pure heroin a year was being produced in Sicily's morphine refineries. It was shipped to the United States and other parts of Europe, bringing in about 700,000 million lire (more than £300 million) per annum. At the height of the drug days, police believe that about 30,000 people were benefiting from the narcotics trade.

When it was known that the Mafia were to stand trial, the citizens of Palermo, not unnaturally, became alarmed. Who would be brave enough to do jury service in a city where almost nothing is done without Mafia permission? When summoned, jurors pleaded illness, family



Luciano Liggio: 'like a wise and ageing professor'



Mourning a Mafia killing

responsibilities, sudden foreign journeys; a young woman teacher said quite simply that she was too frightened. But a jury was found; a sign, say local people, that ordinary Sicilians today feel as sickened as do those in authority by what has been happening, and that they are no longer prepared to go along with the traditional Italian notion that the Mafia is a myth, a legend invented by northerners to express their contempt for the primitive, rugged, civilization of the extreme south.

From the day it opened in February, the *maxi-processo* has revolved around the evidence of the *super-penititi*, often in a highly dramatic way. These *super-grasses* are something new in Mafia history. They are *Mafiosi* who have decided that they have nothing to lose in turning state witness. The old rules of conduct that bound a *wommo d'onore*, a man of honour, to unbreakable silence have lost their force. The singing of this new breed of turncoats has

galvanized the entire city. When Tommaso Buscetta began reciting his list of names, dates, transactions, assassinations and threats in a dispassionate, somewhat clinical manner, hundreds of Sicilians queued from dawn down the narrow street which leads to the Ucciardone gates for one of the

Buscetta is now in prison in the United States. It is not known whether he will survive there, but it is certain that he could never survive in any Italian jail. Super-penitents have short lives.

More recently, a new *super-penitito* has captured the imagination of the public galleries. Vincenzo Sinagra is a small, stocky man in his early thirties, with receding hair and the slightly puzzled and injured air of a garage mechanic who has been accused of failing to find a fault in an ailing engine. He comes as a surprise as a "man of respect"; there is something too furtive, too excited in his manner.

Sinagra arrives in the courtroom scurrying between two lines of carabinieri, who walk so closely together that his head can barely be seen from between their tall, khaki shoulders. From the 20 cages lining the immense green painted courtroom, those on trial stare out, propped against the

## Nothing to lose in turning state witness

seats in the public gallery. It was true theatre, say those who managed to get in.

The fact that Buscetta himself seemed to be speaking out of a sense of nostalgia for an older Mafia, where such random violence would not have been condoned and where Mafia leaders, men of respect, wielded local justice probably no more brutal than that imposed by generations of feudal landowners, added to the sense of drama.

bars, like men waiting for a bus. There is silence. Sinagra is led into a bullet-proof transparent box with only the front open to the judges, prosecutors and 16 tricolour-sashed jury members, whom he faces. Distilled later, reproduced at length page after page in Sicily's daily papers, Sinagra's tale is chilling, particularly when he explains that he has killed a man himself, simply "because I didn't like his face". In Palermo, everyone follows the day's evidence, reporting it to each other much like the World Cup scores.

The *maxi-processo* is not the first Mafia trial nor the only one to put men in cages. Fights against Mafia power have been going on ever since Mussolini first saw them as a serious threat, while successive anti-Mafia commissions have spent decades chronicling and contemplating their crimes. What they have failed to do, and what every inquiry since has failed to do, is to establish the suspected links which bind the Mafia to the political structure of Italy.

These links, long known and accepted but never examined, cannot emerge from this trial; it is not in the judge's brief to make them do so. However, the trial matters. It is many years since people thought of the Mafia in romantic terms, as rural Robin Hoods, inviolate and not altogether despicable, obeying archaic but somehow honourable codes of behaviour.

Any lingering suspicions that the Mafia are not savage criminals, urban gangsters running an extraordinarily profitable illegal business, are being healthily dispelled, as day after day a litany of violence and corruption is heard. The *maxi-processo*, says one of the investigating judges, is a very small move, down a road which appears to have no visible end, but it is a move none the less.

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- Beet (6)
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- Widow drug experience (5)
- Pumper (6)
- Whirlpool (4)
- Tear from (3,3)
- Lure (-4,2)
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- Superficial appearance (6)
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- Gestation head (7)
- Ships and slope (7)
- School leave (5)
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## Why I didn't play to the gallery

Neil MacGregor, appointed Director of the National Gallery yesterday, was not the trustees' first choice. American Edmund Pillsbury rejected the job . . .



Unrepentant Pillsbury, the National's first choice

TED PILLSBURY walked out of his 45-minute interview with the trustees of the National Gallery with his mind already made up. He would withdraw his application for the post of director, considered to be one of the plum jobs of the artistic establishment. But even as his letter of withdrawal was being read by the Civil Service officials to whom it was addressed, the trustees, under their chairman Jacob Rothschild, decided that Pillsbury was the man for the job. Hurried telephone calls were made: would he withdraw his resignation? Under pressure, he said he would. His name went to Downing Street for approval by Mrs Thatcher; but now Pillsbury, Director of the Kimball Museum at Fort Worth in Texas, was having second thoughts about the appointment, he was talking it over with his wife, Mireille. He should not have changed his mind in the first place, they concluded, he would withdraw completely. The decision created shockwaves around the artistic establishment and severely embarrassed the trustees. Pillsbury, on holiday in Venice with his family, is unmoved and points to two factors which made up his mind. Excessive bureaucracy and latent anti-Americanism would have made his task impossible, he says. "I withdrew on what I surmised to be the general sentiment in Britain and what I worked out at the interview from some of the questions that were asked," he says. "The interview itself was enough for me to decide I didn't want to be a candidate." While Pillsbury insists that he has no wish to be critical of the trustees, he points out that a short interview is an unrealistic way of assessing a candidate's capabilities for such an important job. "I was asked at the end if I had any questions. I put two very short questions and got rather ambiguous answers to them, and that was that." He says that in order for any candidate to have any confidence in the job there should be more far-reaching discussions between the trustees and the applicant. "Then there were the can-

around the gallery, he says. "In the end it was probably unfortunate that the trustees — if they did want me — didn't see that I was giving up a very exciting position and would have to make some tremendous sacrifices. I have what many people consider to be the best job for a museum professional in the United States."

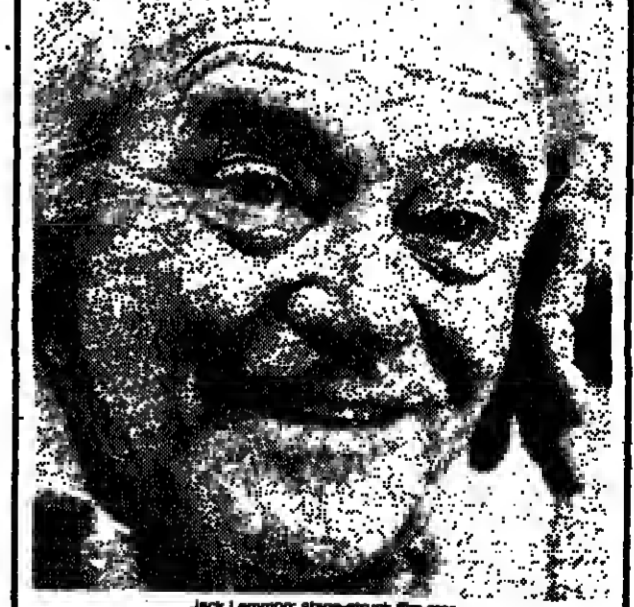
HIS BEING an American was likely to be a continuing liability. "I lack what I felt was an important qualification, something that was essential for success in the job, from the British people's point of view: I wasn't British. I felt that lack would lead to divisions later if not sooner. That assumption was based on what I read in the press and what the trustees said to me." Jacob Rothschild himself was quoted as saying that, all other factors being equal, he'd like to appoint a British national. He laughs again. "It is important for the Director of the National Gallery to be British, don't you think?"

Of the gallery itself, he says: "It's highly bureaucratic, it has unions, it doesn't operate independently but as part of a government agency, it's a Civil Service institution. "I believe the director is subject to most of the regulations which apply to civil servants in terms of his authority and his freedom to carry on certain activities. It also has trustees who may or may not make the job more efficient. In trying to achieve anything there would be more players involved than I am used to, including various government departments."

Pillsbury says he has no regret other than not having stuck with his original decision. "When I was appointed it was a question of 'Come on, make up your mind'. Well, I did. I have been at Kimball Museum for five and a half years and I have many more exciting challenges there ahead of me."

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## A tonic for Lemmon

"I'm like a two-year-old kid again", says Jack Lemmon of his debut on the London stage next week. The star of countless comic films plays a meatier role in Jonathan Miller's production of O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night*. In *The Times* tomorrow, he looks forward to touring with the play and talks of his "odd couple" partnership with Walter Matthau

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## 'All work of this kind is something of a compromise. No surgeon should ever lead you to believe that he can perform miracles'

### MEDICAL BRIEFING SPECIAL

## COSMETIC SURGERY

By Dr Thomas Stuttford and Liz Hodgkinson

Cosmetic surgery clinics, although largely frowned on by the NHS and condemned by many orthodox surgeons, are flourishing as never before. They now advertise freely, often using the term "Harley Street", even when they have little connection with the West End or London.

These clinics, usually fronted by a non-medically qualified businessman who can advertise where the doctors cannot, offer traditional treatments that have been well publicized and alternately praised and derided over the years. Procedures that appear to have stood the test of time include "nose jobs", hair transplants, facelifts and breast augmentation or reduction.

But there are now many new cosmetic techniques, which are eagerly sought by a public more desirous of physical perfection.

You can now have facial skin chemically burned away to reveal the peaches-and-cream complexion underneath. You can undergo implants to plump out wrinkles, have jodhpur thighs sucked away, or lose

unsightly birthmarks through laser treatment.

These cosmetic treatments, as with any other medical procedures, can work only within certain limits. No amount of surgery, however competent, can turn a Margaret Thatcher into a Raquel Welch. Some faces are so wrinkled that they defy any treatment. Some people are so obese that no reputable clinic would ever take them. And most experts agree that much cosmetic surgery has only a limited life span.

The newest cosmetic procedure is chemical face peeling. Pictures and studies have appeared of previously wrinkled, morose housewives who have all subjected themselves to this treatment, apparently with wondrous results. One maverick lady, however, announced that the treatment had not been good after all and had left her with a face permanently suffused with a "hot flash".

As with all things, the norm lies somewhere between the extremes. Peeling treatments are said by their proponents to work only on certain

faces. The ideal client is a fair-skinned Anglo-Saxon type in her mid-fifties whose face has become prematurely wrinkled.

Collagen injections are another non-surgical method of removing facial lines. Natural animal collagen, rather than synthetic material, is used to replace tissue lost with age. These implants appear to be a particularly effective way of treating lines around the mouth.

With fat aspiration, or lipolysis, a cannula is inserted, under a general anaesthetic, into offending fat which has been dissolved by an enzyme. The fat is then sucked out. Cost: around £1,500. Only small amounts of fat may be removed by this method, which may cause severe bruising. Fat can be removed

from thighs, buttocks, stomach, or underneath the chin. The operation is said to be most suitable for those who, while not clinically obese, have fatty bulges which no amount of dieting can abolish.

Laser treatments form another new fashion, but they have had a troublesome history. A few years ago, gold beam lasers were enthusiastically bought by beauty salons to remove wrinkles, but they did not work. Kenneth Clarke, when Minister for Health, announced that all laser clinics must now be registered with the local health authority. This applies from October.

A British expert is John Carruth, who works in Southampton. He is president of the newly-formed British Medical Laser Association and

says that the argon laser is a successful means of removing port wine birthmarks and spider veins.

It passes through the outer layer of skin, the intense light being absorbed by the veins containing the dark red cells. Fibrous tissue is formed which eliminates the port wine stain.

Anyone considering this treatment should first have a patch test, which costs around £40, to see whether it is likely to be effective. Removal of the birthmark costs about £500.

There is no doubt that many "cowboy" cosmetic clinics exist, as they are potentially very profitable indeed. So how should a good clinic be selected? The standard advice used to be: ask your GP. However, most family doctors do not know much about current cosmetic treatments. The best method is to shop around for the best buy.

As for clinics, you may see a non-medical person first but never agree to treatment until you have had a lengthy consultation with the surgeon. If he does not appear in a medical directory, be careful.

Jack Levenson, a dental surgeon who also operates a referral system for people seeking cosmetic surgery, says: "If you go to a clinic that says yes to everything, beware. All reputable clinics should retain surgeons of with the highest medical qualifications who are doing this kind of work all the time.

"The surgeon should show you a selection of before and after pictures, not all with absolutely perfect results. This enables you to assess the result and also to decide whether you would be happy with the treatment.

"All work of this kind is something of a compromise and no surgeon should ever lead you to believe that he can perform miracles".

The clinic itself should not look seamy, and should offer very extensive post-operative care. If, for some reason, you do not like the clinic or the surgeon, leave it there. An essential element in any successful cosmetic procedure is the rapport between patient and practitioner. Its absence should be taken as a warning sign.

## An open door to danger

Estate agents are reviewing their office procedures to protect female staff but the risks remain

The disappearance last Monday of 25-year-old Susannah Lamplugh, after taking a man to view a house for sale, has prompted many companies to review their system of working.

They are suggesting that female staff meet male clients in the office where possible, or check their identity by asking for a name and number they can call back to confirm any appointment to meet outside a house or flat.

These arrangements, however, can only mitigate the dangers. Most firms lack the staff to allow women negotiators to be accompanied on such visits, and in the past 10 years the number of women working in the estate agency business has increased considerably.

Many women are attracted by the possibility of earning large commissions and a company car while a growing number are setting up their own enterprises.

Female estate agents have always been aware that they run some risks. Paula Meares, 32, who worked with Chestertons for six years and



Missing girl: Susannah Lamplugh at work

now runs her own estate agents and property consultants is said: "I knew an Australian girl with gorgeous blue eyes and a Farrah Fawcett cascade of hair who took one young man to view a property.

"He asked her if she had ever been accosted in a flat. When she said no he said 'you are about to be' and threw her on the bed. But he only kissed her and he wasn't the dangerous type, although he did telephone the office later and asked to be shown the flat again at 6.30pm. This time we sent a man and the client never turned up. Presumably he was watching from a distance".

Julie Graham, 33, has been in the business for nine years. "Sometimes when one is showing certain gentlemen round certain flats, particularly in winter when it gets dark at four, one becomes a little uneasy", she said. "There are times when you sense they want to linger in the bedroom and test the mattress, but you move briskly away, saying how reassuring it is for people to know that the resident porter is always roaming around."

"But in future if someone phones up cold we will insist on being able to ring them back to confirm an appointment rather than going out blind, even though we may lose some business by doing that."

Lee Rodwell

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# Slipping out of your skin

The news that Linda Lovelace (below) faces the possible removal of both breasts after receiving silicone

implants may prompt many people to think again about cosmetic operations. How widely available are they - and how safe?

There are several commonly held misconceptions about cosmetic surgery. One is that such operations are completely unnecessary, horrifically expensive and risky procedures indulged in only by those with far more vanity and money than sense.

Another popular piece of folklore is that those who undergo cosmetic operations usually pay dearly, other than financially, since such operations almost always go horribly wrong.

A third myth is that surgeons offering these treatments are doing so purely for financial gain, are unscrupulous and have no hesitation in persuading their

patients to undergo further cosmetic surgery.

There are, of course, cowboy clinics and unethical surgeons. But there is also a very serious side to cosmetic surgery in this country at least, by far the great majority of people seeking such operations are those who feel that their lives are being adversely affected by a hideously disfiguring

lump into this category come children, adolescents and adults with birthmarks, large moles or bat ears, men with accident-damaged noses and women wanting breast reduction or augmentation.

These are people who merely want to look normal, to be able to disappear into the

crowd, instead of being stared at wherever they go.

At one time, it was almost impossible to obtain cosmetic surgical treatments under the NHS because these procedures were held to be an unjustifiable use of time, hospital beds, and expertise. Nowadays doctors are more sympathetic, realizing that a physical abnormality can be just as distressing and health-threatening as an illness.

Christopher Margrave is a consultant plastic surgeon at a London teaching hospital who performs many cosmetic operations for the NHS. He is also the author of the recently published *Cosmetic Surgery: Facing the Facts* (Penguin, £3.95), a patient's guide to the procedures available as well as

their limitations and complications.

"To obtain cosmetic surgery under the NHS, you have to be highly motivated and out easily put off, as you can't go straight to a surgeon and request a particular treatment", he says.

"First of all, you have to see your GP, who will then write a letter to a specialist if he feels surgery is justified. The next step for all adults wanting cosmetic surgery is to see a psychotherapist before we will accept anybody for treatment."

"We have to be sure that a changed physical appearance really will benefit the patient. Somebody with a serious personality disorder may blame all his misfortunes on an imagined abnormality and will therefore not improve as a result of surgery."

The psychological screening appears to work well and between 70 to 90 per cent of patients find their lives and outlook are enhanced after treatment.

Children can almost always be treated on the NHS. "Ugly birthmarks and jag ears may make children's lives a misery and these disfigurements can be successfully treated surgically. Some birthmarks can even be excised in the first few

weeks of life", Margrave says.

"In the case of adults, we would not treat people who were after personal publicity or who were pinning all their hopes of a better life on the outcome of an operation."

"The most suitable patients are those whose bodily appearance does not accord with their image of themselves. It's not that they want to look glamorous or beautiful but to be able to walk down the street or enter a room without exciting stares and comments."

By far the most commonly requested operations for women are breast augmentation or reductions. Here again, the women concerned are not prompted by empty vanity but feel they look peculiar. Awareness of an odd appearance can lead to loss of confidence and self-esteem.

About 30 per cent of Margrave's NHS work is concerned with breast improvement operations. Of these, around two-thirds of patients want augmentation while the others seek reduction. "Almost all patients seeking augmentation are those whose breasts have become flat after



## 'We can't cut away at fat to make a super svelte figure'

childbirth. Breast augmentation, using silicone implants, has stood the test of time and most patients are very pleased with the results", Margrave says.

"The operation does not preclude breast feeding and the only real late complication is fibrous encapsulation." This is where fibrous tissue collects around the silicone prosthesis, making the breasts hard, tender and unnatural-looking. Unfortunately, there is as yet no way of predicting which patients will suffer from this. Every prosthesis does eventually become covered by fibrous tissue, though this does not always become a problem.

The hardening can be treated by a rather primitive procedure known as "breast popping" where, under anaesthetic, the surgeon applies a punch to the breast. This cracks the hard coating but does not harm the implant.

Breast reduction is rarely requested for frivolous reasons. Most women wanting such surgery don't merely have slightly larger breasts than average but are over-endowed to such an extent that ordinary activities such as running, taking part in sports and buying clothes, are a problem. They are prone also to skin infections.

"The operation is almost always successful and there are few complications", Margrave says. "Patients have to understand that breast feeding is no longer a possibility because the duct system has to be divided in the process of reduction".

There will be scars and, in about 2 per cent of cases, blood clots which will have to be treated by further surgery. The other common form of breast surgery is to correct asymmetry, where the breasts are of noticeably different sizes.

One factor not always appreciated by those considering any kind of breast surgery is that the usual X-ray screening tests for cancer will be difficult to interpret and those who have reduction operations diminish their chances of successful mammography. Another possible problem with breast reduction is that occasionally the reimplanted nipples slough off and cannot be reinstated. Would-be patients also have to bear in mind that

such surgery rarely matches expectations.

With men, the most often requested procedures are for "nose jobs" and baldness. Since baldness is considered a natural phenomenon, it is unlikely to be enacted on the NHS although surgery on the nose may be available.

"You can't ignore a nose", Margrave says. "There is very often good justification for NHS treatment here. On the whole, though, we tend to be wary of men seeking cosmetic surgery."

A request for tattoo removal may seem frivolous but it very often falls on sympathetic ears. As Margrave puts it: if everybody had a tattoo for each youthful indiscretion, we'd all be tattooed. An operation very often means a young person can become employable and feel more at home in the adult world. Tattoo removal is a very acceptable form of social rehabilitation."

For both sexes, removal of large moles or other surface disfigurements may well be available on the health service. These small operations are the most common cosmetic procedures, according to Margrave.

"Since they can be done under local anaesthetic and do not require a hospital bed, they are cheap, quick and easy to perform. Cosmetic operations that are considered frivolous and not normally available to an NHS patient include fat suction, facelifts, chemical face peeling, eyelid and chio operations.

Dr Margrave says that cosmetic operations are far safer and freer from complications than most people imagine. "In most cases, there is very little pain and suffering afterwards. But patients do have to be aware of the limitations. We can't cut away at fat to give overweight patients a super svelte figure, nor can we remove scars. We can't make people taller or shorter, or reduce the size of hands and feet. But what cosmetic operations can do is to improve the quality of life and self-confidence for some people."

"We find that most of our patients are highly motivated and deserving people who are definitely not undergoing something trivial."

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I am trying hard to achieve mastery over that heap of grey plastic, flap wirework and soggy chips called the computer and feel that success is not too far away. I admit that I have come to this late in life and have much ground to make up. I have carved in to the current pressures that lean heavily to the thesis that computer illiteracy is less acceptable than halitosis or sweaty feet. In fact, for a man who thought a floppy disk was the result of leaving an LP on a warm cooker, I flatter myself that I have done rather well. I am now surrounded by wires, ribbon connections and a universal air of untidiness.

What I am having most difficulty with is the printer, a small beast with idiosyncratic tendencies and a habit of sulking.

The printer travelled the oceans bearing with it the aura of the mysterious east, equipped with a manual that does absolutely nothing to dispel the mystery. It persists for example in referring constantly to something called the "ribbond" and more than once speaks of "Engrand". Precious time was spent trying to work out where the valve was before it dawned that "valve" was meant.

How to change a "ribbond" is explained in an 85-word sentence bulging with adverbial clauses of inadequate

punctuation. The strictures on not reversing the paper by hand have led to unimaginable levels of incoherence, and there's an unhealthy over-use of "please" when it came to referring to the manual.

Despite its peccadilloes I regard my little printer as an attractive and efficient machine. In using it I have come to realize that the expression "user friendly" really means something. Like Gibbon on completion of *Decline and Fall*, I feel a great loss when it has to be removed for repair, for on its day it is almost human.

But what amazes me is that the makers of such a helpful tool have not realized that the customer must be told clearly how to use it. An inefficient manual that does not help the customer achieve that typographical Nirvana strikes at the heart of good customer relations.

There is a good case for the MegaMultis to set up a research body to examine the quality of information given to customers and then employ troubleshooters to root out the unreadable. Are there any takers?

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Head Gardiner

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Who's next?

Robert Kilroy-Silk's abrupt farewell to politics comes at a peculiarly inopportune moment for the local politicians who coveted his Knowlesy North seat...



As I was saying

A sense of déjà vu. A motion due to come before the Federation of Conservative Students' annual conference in September calls for the disbanding of the Commonwealth as an anachronistic and totally useless body...

Eyes have it

Following my note on Monday, the Badger Protection Society calls to say that the newly-formed National Federation of Badger Groups is undertaking the world's first study of badger fatalities...

A fine system of injustice

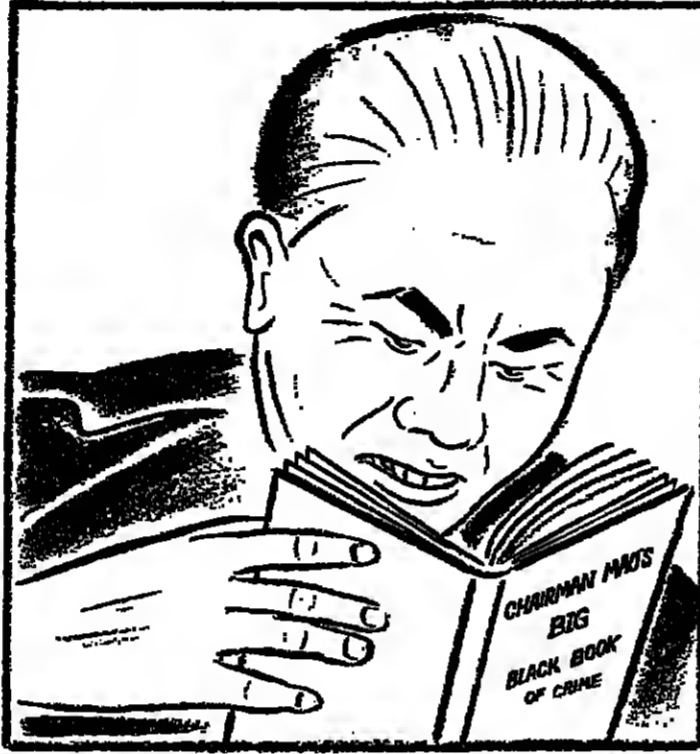
by John Grigg

The fine of £250 imposed earlier this week on the pop singer Boy George may or may not have been intended as a token penalty...

aggravating the desperate problem of overcrowding in our prisons. For rich people, however, fines could be the right form of punishment...

offender seems to be well off, but I am told that he is far more likely to be sent to prison than to be fined £2,000 — which is absurd.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now



The snake still lives in the Garden

done to death in the entire history of the world; but that monstrous and unforgivable misapprehension is so vast and sustained that it has understandably tended to obscure another fallacy...

How to weed out the biased juror

John Spencer calls for new measures to prevent the innocent being convicted

With considerable political courage, the government plans to abolish the defendant's right to challenge jurors without having to give reasons...

the juror's name, address, voice and physical appearance to go on. Prejudice may not appear. If it comes out at the trial that a juror is biased or unfit, the judge has power to stop the case and order a retrial...

would apply there, too. It must be said that although the belief in the rapid perfectibility of man is wholly without foundation...

But that, you see, is why I took care to defend the dream as harmless only in itself. In the Garden of Eden there was a serpent, and careful reading of the story will reveal that the serpent must have been in residence when Adam and Eve arrived...

Wayland Kennet

Can Nato tolerate 'fire first' rule?

The rules of engagement at sea sound traditional and harmless enough: they are in fact fundamental to civilian control of military forces. They are also one of the many issues splitting the Nato alliance...

moreover... Miles Kington

It's the time of the signs

While reviewing a book on the origin of writing in last Sunday's Observer, Anthony Burgess contrived to suggest that we might be in on the end of writing as well. At least, he seemed to be saying that semiology, the study of signs, was well placed to take over from the study of words...



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## SANCTIONS AND THE POLLS

For a Cabinet meeting to end with a statement of unity is never - according to accepted political canons - a very good sign that it is united. Mrs Thatcher has set her face against further sanctions against South Africa. Sir Geoffrey Howe is not alone in his weariness with the Prime Minister's stance.

As far as sanctions themselves are concerned, Mrs Thatcher is right; the Foreign Office is wrong. For all the reasons which we have outlined, so often over the past weeks, the imposition of punitive economic measures will not speed the end of apartheid.

This view is shared by some at least of those ministers who would have preferred to open the weekend's negotiations with the Commonwealth leaders in a more accommodating stance. It is also, as our poll shows today, a view shared by almost half the electorate. Those who support sanctions want to be in step more than they want to sanction. There is only one measure - the end of new investment - that commands even close to majority support. There is little confidence that any sanctions will actually work.

Mrs Thatcher will, nonetheless, have a hard struggle to hold her chosen line. In tactical terms it is legitimate for her to have a strong opening position. It is highly desirable that she should also have an agreed fall-back position. Whether the Cabinet can manage such a diplomatic act without the cracks showing is, however, open to serious doubt.

The critics who for long years have taken electoral benefits from Mrs Thatcher's strength, while losing no opportunity to oppose each manifestation of it, have lost confidence. As the Westland memory begins to fade, they see fresh signs of a lost election. And for what? For a country whose leadership delivers foul abuse to the Foreign Secretary and praise to the Prime Minister that is almost as dangerous (possibly more so). Her Cabinet opponents are more scared than in the past. She is less assured that it is a dangerous mix.

At the back of the Prime Minister's mind there remains the idea that her attitude of no-surrender is a political virtue in itself. It is indeed a virtue. But it is not a political virtue on every issue. It looks

strongly as though it is not a political virtue on this issue.

She cannot persuade her Cabinet critics that a weekend spent in standing up to the vitriolic abuse of the new Commonwealth is a weekend in which votes will necessarily be won. And they are probably right not to be persuaded.

According to today's poll, a third of Conservative supporters are dissatisfied with her handling of the South African issue. A half of the Conservatives polled believe that British Government policy towards South Africa should be influenced by the Queen's views on the Commonwealth.

The ramifications of the alleged rift between Downing Street and the Palace have clearly had some adverse effect on the Government's standing. The Labour Party is now at its highest position in any poll taken by MORI since before the Falklands conflict. It has been a turbulent period for the pollsters but today's evidence will be a fine fillip for Mr Kinnock. After a judicious period of silence on the allegations in *The Sunday Times* he is now beginning to vaunt his respect for the Queen with dangerous confidence.

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The fact of modern British politics is that there is no regional dimension. Despite grumbings from politicians in the North East that they lack the mechanism for development apparently given Scotland through the Scottish Office and the Scottish Development Agency, there is no concerted pressure for action on the centre of the polity. There is no North-Western consciousness in the House of Commons, or any other locus of political action for that matter. Disparate rates of unemployment, living standards and the rest have, apparently, no generally and clearly adverse political consequences for the party in power.

Why then, it has to be asked, is regional policy being talked up again? Whatever the exact words used at the weekend by Mr Norman Tebbit in his latest obiter dictum, he was talking about regional policy - the conscious transfer of public expenditure to benefit one region over against another. It would not be in Mr Tebbit's character to explain this by guilty conscience inspired by disparities in *Regional Trends*.

## DISPARITIES - BUT NOT OF OPINION

Missing from *Regional Trends* are two sets of data. One the Central Statistical Office could collect, if it were so minded. It is a rigorous accounting of where taxation is raised and where public expenditure goes within the United Kingdom - and not just that expenditure counted under the formal headings of "regional policy".

All expenditure, on defence contracts, on civil service pay, on roads, on subsidy to agriculture, has a geographical dimension. All outlays can have the effect of transferring sums between areas.

Under the heading of covert regional policy: have to be counted expenditures on, say, the development of Concorde and what they meant to the growth of industry and employment in the West Country. Similarly, travellers on British Rail's commuter services in the South East have benefited from the tax payments of citizens in other, less favoured regions. The picture of regional cross subsidy is complex. Ditto the regional tax take. *Regional Trends* includes an estimate of direct taxation on a regional basis but issues no figures on indirect tax (nor, in the light of ancient Scottish sensibilities does it apportion revenue from North Sea oil). This makes it impossible to assess how far regions are net beneficiaries from the State.

But such information is of academic interest only. For, here is the other missing data set in *Regional Trends*, there is no political dimension to go with all these social indicators. That the Northern Irish are comparatively active purchasers of dish-washers, that the inhabitants of Yorkshire and Humberside are great fish-eaters...this is a picture of national life well worth publication, but its significance is considerably lessened by the failure, to put it crudely, of regional envy. These facts and figures are politically significant only if they generate some complaint or some claim on central resources. *Regional Trends* has nothing to say about the geographical differentiation of political attitudes.

Perhaps the reason for that is straightforward. There are no regional attitudes worth speaking of. Conventional political wisdom gives Labour its strength in the urban areas of North, North West and Scotland, and draws a line from Wash to Severn. But to speak, consequently, of a Northern political attitude is false. The voters of Carlisle share no obvious political predisposition with those of, say, Penrith. The Labour disposition of the voters of County Durham are in no recognisable sense more quiescently northern than the Liberal inclinations (re-

cently revealed) of the voters of Malton and Thirsk or the Conservatism of Darlington.

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## NEW LATIN-AMERICAN RHYTHMS

The economic accord which has been signed by Argentina and Brazil raises questions which few have so far dared try to answer. By and large it has been welcomed in the New World (cautiously in some cases, enthusiastically in others) and greeted with lofty scepticism in the Old. Reactions mirror the mixed experiences of those who have trod the awkward path towards a common market before.

In theory there is much to say for it, encouraging comparison with the coal and steel agreement reached by France and West Germany after the Second World War. In South American terms it might be seen as more important even than that, since the partners represent two-thirds of the Southern continent and something like half of its people. Between them they make up more than the nucleus of a regional market - to which Uruguay looks like being the first outside adherent.

In practice the only thing common about Latin American markets so far has been their abject failure. Economic agreements whether bilateral or multilateral have collapsed, chiefly because neither party has been inspired by any visionary sense of purpose. Without any guiding light or

supra-national ideal, they have floundered amid conflicting interests and acrimony. Governments have either been reluctant to abandon protectionist policies in support of traditional industries or have been seduced by outside powers - offering cut-price goods which the other market partners cannot match.

Yet the future could be different. Brazil and Argentina are both under new management and have been struggling to overcome not dissimilar economic problems, including heavy debts and protectionism overseas. If common experience is the foundation for true togetherness, a case might be made out for their living together quite well. After several generations of tense rivalry they would certainly seem to be closer than ever before - or certainly for very many years. President José Sarney travelled to Buenos Aires to sign the new pact and became the first elected Brazilian leader to visit the Argentine capital for a quarter of a century.

But common experience is not enough. The agreement established a customs union with mutual preferences for each other's exports, while also laying down the ground rules for technical cooperation in such areas as energy and

agriculture. It envisaged a bilateral trade in capital goods worth some \$2 billion by 1990.

But questions are already being asked in Brasilia about the agreement by President Sarney to purchase an annual two million tonnes of Argentine wheat. At the same time businessmen in Buenos Aires are concerned about the preferences which will now be allowed Brazilian industry - which is fitter and livelier than Argentina's. Can Argentine industry withstand the challenge?

Bilateral agreements are possibly more difficult to operate than multilateral; reaction to the accord in the two countries already indicates areas in which problems will lie. Yet much favours the two most powerful countries in South America seeking each other's hand in a fiercely competitive outside world. That the way ahead looks like being mined should not deter them from walking along it.

What they need is an inner conviction that they are doing the right thing and perhaps, too, some still more distant goal of integration. Without this their pact will be no more than a marriage of convenience - and the survival record for these is less than happy.

### Worst enemy?

From Professor Alan Thompson Sir, You are right to state (today's editorial) that "in this country, dogs stir passions unknown elsewhere".

In 1964 I moved a private member's Bill concerned with keeping dogs out of foodshops - the Dogs (Access to Foodshops) Bill. It proposed a modest fine of £5 for anyone who took a dog into

such premises, I had been told that the Government was not sympathetic to my measure.

In the event, an absolute storm of protest ensued, and the Government hastily washed its hands of me. Letters poured in by the hundred protesting that my Bill was unfair and insulting to dogs. The Northern Ireland MPs opposed me because I had failed to consult them on dog-owning opinion in their area of Great Britain.

One correspondent (a retired military man) wrote: "I am glad to see that you want to keep dogs out of foodshops. I would not want my nice clean dog mixing with filthy grocery assistants."

My Bill failed.

Yours faithfully,  
ALAN THOMPSON,  
11 Upper Gray Street,  
Edinburgh,  
July 26.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Sanctions as a moral issue

From the Bishop of Birmingham Sir, It requires expert knowledge to assess both the loss we may suffer from further measures against South Africa and the effect of sanctions against us by the rest of Africa if we do not take such measures. Similar knowledge is required to measure the immediate loss of income from our South African investments against the effect of their future total loss if we do not actively help a majority South African government to come into being.

Such are matters for statesmen, not churchmen.

But when the Prime Minister asserts that it is immoral to apply sanctions because of the damage this would cause to black South Africans, then churchmen have a positive duty to examine her claim, especially as the majority of churches in England and Scotland have already urged that further measures be taken.

The Prime Minister helped to set up the EPC (Eminent Persons Group). Writing at the end of their report about "concerted action of an effective kind", the group concluded: "Such action may be the last opportunity avert the worst bloodshed since the Second World War."

Measures taken to avert this, even if they entail economic hardship, far from being immoral, are the only peaceful means left to persuade the Botha government to open meaningful negotiations with South African majority leaders.

Regrettably Sir Geoffrey Howe's mission on behalf of the EEC can be seen to have achieved no significant results. If the Prime Minister is to continue to invoke morality she must now initiate these "concerted measures of an effective kind".

Yours faithfully,  
HUGH BIRMINGHAM  
(Chairman, Board for Social Responsibility of the Church of England),  
Bishop's Croft, Old Church Road,  
Harborne, Birmingham,  
July 30.

### Preserving value in family life

From Professor Richard Whitfield Sir, The rise in 1985 of births to single women and unmarried couples to one in five of all births (report, July 21) is just one indicator of alarming trends in family formation and in the climate for child development. Over a mere eight years, within a relatively stable and liberal climate regarding abortion, this proportion has more than doubled.

We know less than we should about the details of this trend. While some encouragement can be drawn from the fact that two thirds of such births are registered in the joint names of mother and father, with half of these babies having parents who are at that time cohabiting, there appears to be a recession or a fear of commitment between these partners, which, at the very least, does not promote the security and identity, legal and otherwise, which is generally helpful for all parents and children.

The overall costs to the public purse, and to industry, of the consequences of household turmoil and insecurity, however caused, are vast. They may even emerge as unacceptable to all major political parties. The rate of change in the social fabric is now greater than at any time in recorded history. Many can and do lose their way at enormous personal cost, sometimes through little direct fault of their own.

It is becoming culturally unfashionable to make and sustain long-term promises to our mates and to our offspring. Such promises have never been easy to fulfil;

selfish drives vie with our capacity to care for others. Yet environmental circumstances can help or hinder commitment and growth in our relationships.

A key to healthy development throughout the life cycle is to know that we are individually significant, that we are intrinsically valuable to at least a few others whose sustained love and acceptance we experience. The foundations of such conviction, of a secure identity and the related capacity to share in love and commitment, are laid down in childhood; they are often intergenerationally transmitted, which bequeaths no small challenge for teaching.

Every child has the right to know both its mother and father, or other equivalent long-term substitutes such as adoptive parents, and to receive durable commitments from them. No rigorous research on child development, nor indeed clinical practice with children or adults, suggests otherwise as ideals for policy and teaching.

Issues of family formation and maintenance lie at the heart of creating viable societies. There is little evidence in this country to prompt complacency about these issues which should, without further delay, be far more central in the nation's business.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD WHITFIELD,  
Honorary Chairman,  
The National Campaign for the Family,  
c/o The Salvation Army (Legal Section),  
101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

### The Queen's role

From Mr Nevil Johnson Sir, Mystery and romanticism quickly take hold of any discussion of the constitutional role of the Queen, as recent correspondence shows. Yet the Queen as a representative Head of State does not differ fundamentally from several other constitutional monarchs and even elected presidents.

They too, despite written constitutions in various shapes and sizes, perform their functions mainly on the basis of convention and precedent; "constant adaptation and readaptation" (Mr Philip Allott, July 24) is a feature of the constitutional evolution of their societies just as much as ours.

The course of British constitutional history over the past century or more confirms the conclusion that the Monarch now has no constitutional right to express opinions publicly on substantive policy issues. No doubt she has opinions on such matters and, for all we know, may from time to time pass them on to her Prime Minister.

But as Mr Payne (July 24) shrewdly observes, we do not know whether this is so and can thus pass our opinion on the Monarch's wisdom or otherwise. Indeed, our ignorance demonstrates the Monarch's surrender of any claim to make public her views on policy questions. If she ventures to warn on such matters, she must do so in secret.

Does this mean, then, that the Sovereign is no more than a kind of Beethovenian mute, never entitled to step outside the anonymity of private conversations? I think not. The Sovereign remains a guardian of the Constitution, perhaps a guardian of last resort. The Queen is committed constitutionally to

the maintenance of representative parliamentary government; this is the unspoken assumption of the Monarch's existence.

It means that there are certain procedural values - respect for the rule of law, for free elections and for the privileges of Parliament, for example - that the Monarch would in extremis have the right and duty to uphold publicly. Of course, the threat to parliamentary government would have to be pretty manifest to justify such intervention, and if we had reached that state of affairs we might well be past heading the advice of the Monarch anyway. Yet the longstop is there.

The puzzling question in relation to the Queen and the Commonwealth is whether the fate of the Commonwealth is a genuine constitutional issue of the kind which might entitle the Monarch to express a view in public. Since the association rests on the complete independence of its members, I suspect that the facts support Enoch Powell's logic (feature, July 17).

Whether the Commonwealth survives or not now has little or nothing to do with the British Constitution. It is, however, a prospect which as matter of public policy concerns the British Government. And the Queen must adhere publicly to whatever conclusions the Government reaches on this policy or political question; it is not one on which she would have the right to express her views publicly here in Britain. Nevertheless, it is becoming apparent that to share our Head of State with others may not always be without inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,  
NEVILLE JOHNSON,  
Nuffield College, Oxford,  
July 25.

### Midwives' pay

From Dr John Evans Sir, The report (July 16) entitled "Midwives to seek parity over pay" may give a false impression to many people.

Few would deny the need for a pay rise for our "underpaid and understaffed midwives". But the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) claims that they have a strong case for parity with junior hospital registrars, which is backed by the independent pay review body.

Please consider that the basic pay quoted for midwives (£5,500 pa) is for a 37 1/2 week (overtime receives above basic remuneration). The junior hospital registrar has undergone an average eight year medical training, with qualifications beyond MB ChB or equivalent.

The registrar receives the quoted £15,000 pa for an 80 hr week and has less job security (contracts being for an average of 1 to 2 years).

Miss Ruth Ashton (General Secretary of the Royal College of Midwives) is quoted as saying that

"A midwife does the same job in diagnosing or referring problem cases as a doctor...". If she refers to the obstetric registrar, she forgets his/her skills and responsibilities for forceps deliveries, Caesarean sections, treatment of pre-eclampsia and many other concurrent medical and surgical problems. If she refers to GPs, they diagnose, treat and/or refer the whole spectrum of medical/surgical problems.

Finally, the duplication of skills described is necessary, though the overlap is not as great as implied by the article. Many hospital confinements are potentially high risk cases. Good obstetric management allows many of these to have "normal" deliveries, and being conversant with the history and management of these patients is a prerequisite to good care and correct intentions, as is experience with normal deliveries in "low risk" pregnancies.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN EVANS,  
Anaesthetist Registrar,  
University Hospital of Wales,  
Cardiff, South Glamorgan,  
July 24.

### St John's Lodge

From the Chairman of the Crown Estate Paving Commission Sir, The letter of Mr Anthony Jacoby of July 29 (published today) could give an incorrect impression of the duties of a Crown Estate Paving Commissioner.

This Commission is responsible by statute for the maintenance of Paving, Ornamental Enclosure and Scavenging in order to conserve and enhance The Regent's Park Estate.

The management of the buildings and lodges of the Estates rests exclusively with the Crown Estate Office, with whom we enjoy the closest and most positive co-operation.

Yours faithfully,  
L. L. MACKESON-SANDBACH,  
Chairman and Commissioner,  
Crown Estate Paving Commission,  
The Lodge, Park Square West,  
Regent's Park, NW1,  
July 30.

### Fighting spirit

From Mr Colin Billiard Sir Your leader of July 18 quite correctly highlighted the resource and financial inadequacies of the provision of sports facilities in schools. Physical education has always been the poor relation in an academic environment. However, the point of such discussion should not be that decline in competition leads to a decline in the national sporting elite, but that competition, per se, is held as the be-all and end-all of any physical activity called sport.

If we take the "winning" out of sport and return to the public school ethic penned by Grantland Rice at the turn of the century - "He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game" - then perhaps our nation will, once again, be respected in the world arena of sport.

Yours faithfully,  
COLIN BILIARD,  
Apple Acre, Hill Brow,  
Liss, Hampshire.

## THE TIMES

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 1 1986

Twenty years on, this remains England's finest moment in the World Cup of football. The Germans were not happy about the decision that gave England their first goal in extra time, some of their commentators complaining that the result hung on the decision of a Russian linesman, and they gave their team on its return a welcome fit more for victors than vanquished. Our Football Correspondent was Geoffrey Green, who has been writing for The Times for more than 40 years, including the coverage of 51 FA Cup finals

### RAMSEY PROVED RIGHT IN WORLD CUP

[From Our Football Correspondent]

[England 4 West Germany 2]

England, the pioneers of organized football and the home of the game, are the new World Champions, for the first time. They are still pinching themselves.

So, too, are others of us, the sceptics, who from the start thought the feat beyond our reach. But it is no dream. If England, perhaps, did not possess the greatest flair, they were the best prepared in the field, with the best temperament based on a functional plan. Further to that, they built up to a peak. The timing of it was good.

West Germany, twice semi-finalists in other years, and the surprise holders of 1954, when they upset the magnificent Hungarians, were beaten fair and square in a match of high drama.

The climax came in a punishing period of an extra half-hour after the Germans had first led and then saved their necks with an equalising goal at 2-2, a mere 15 seconds from the end of normal time. But Moore and his men rose magnificently to the challenge. Only the two sets of actors, down on that green stage could have truly felt the disappointment or the elation of that moment.

But as England were as yet girding themselves for the extended test, Mr Ramsey, their manager, walked calmly among his men to say "All right. You let it slip. Now start again!"

Thus the 1966 championships were crowned worthily in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Earlier irritations were forgotten and the best now lingers on...

To add to the swaying excitement of a match of tiny errors punished there came one final point for debate. Extra time approached its mid-way as Stiles, now a five-barred gate, set Ball free with a long pass down the right. Over came the instant centre, Hurst trapped, swivelled and thundered his shot to the underside of Tilkowski's cross-bar. The ball hurtled down to be headed clear by Weber.

Was it over the line or not? It was all a matter of speed of the eye. It looked good. The referee consulted his Russian linesman. The wait was agonizing. The answer was "goal!". The Germans protested as England, 3-2 ahead, rejoined, and the stadium erupted.

### WEST HAM MOVE

How both sides saw out the last stages of a punishing two hours was beyond praise. But the final stroke of all was perhaps the best of all as the book was snapped shut. Again with only seconds to go, it was England's turn to write finalis to it all.

Again it was Hurst who did so, imperiously. In another West Ham move he took a deep pass from Moore through the extended German defensive lines now committed to a last despairing attack - drove himself onwards to end with a rasping left-foot shot that rattled Tilkowski's net...

ENGLAND: Banks, Cohen, J. Charlton, Wilson, Stiles, Moore (captain), Peters, R. Charlton, Ball, Hurst, Hunt.

WEST GERMANY: Tilkowski, Horstges, Schulte, Weber, Schneelinger, Beckenkamp, Hafer, Seeler, Held, Overath, Emmerich.

### Royal wedding

From Mrs Christine Carter Sir, Along with hundreds of thousands of South Africans I have just watched the royal wedding on television. Because of a ban by British unions we were not allowed to hear any of the music that was performed inside Westminster Abbey, South African TV substituted similar music during the periods of silence but this detracted from the beautiful and moving ceremony.

The irony of this is that the majority of those of us who were watching have ties with Britain, and are opposed to apartheid, which is the reason for the ban. The right-wingers in this country were probably not sufficiently interested in the Royal Family to bother to watch the wedding.

What really rankles is the thought that this programme could have been watched by other African countries, and elsewhere in the world, where there are cruel and oppressive regimes.

Yours truly,  
C. CARTER,  
4 The Meadows,  
Camps Bay,  
Cape Town,  
Republic of South Africa.

### Edward?

From Mr Kenneth Loveland Sir, But what was the teddy bear's name (royal marriage report, July 24)?

Yours faithfully,  
KENNETH LOVELAND,  
20 Monmouth House,  
Cwmbran, Gwent,  
July 28.

## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

July 31: Dr Alexander Muir (Physician to the Queen in Scotland) and Dr Henry Gebbie (Apothecary-designate to the Household at the Holyroodhouse) had the honour of being received by the Queen and were introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Dr John Batten (Head of the Medical Household and Physician to the Queen).

Dr David Hingwood had the honour of being received by the Queen upon his retirement as Apothecary to the Household at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Viscount of Arbuthnot, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, had the honour of being received by the Queen.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Captain Alexander Ramsay and the Lady Saturnia, the Hon Alice Ramsay and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay were present.

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The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visited Edinburgh University today and was received by the Principal (Dr J. Burnett).

His Royal Highness this evening visited the National Gallery of Scotland, Princes Street, Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Dr John McKay, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Squadron Leader Timothy Fineron and Major Rowan Jackson, RM were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this morning visited the Commonwealth Games Village and afterwards lunched informally with Games competitors in the Dining Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation (Mr Peter Healy) and the Village Commandant (Mr Cameron Cochrane).

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**ARTHUR** - On 31st July, 1986. Alexander John, Deceased son of Richard Arthur, formerly of Hamilton, and the late A. Bell. Aged 81 years. Cremated at Homebush, NSW. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to: Australia and New Zealand Red Cross, c/o Mrs J. Bell, 1200 Greenway Road, West Ryde, NSW.

**BARTON** - On 28th July, 1986. Joan, wife of the late George Barton, formerly of the White Horse Boathouse, Marlborough, post, and a resident of the Queen's Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital, SE1.

**BURNESS** - On 27th July, 1986. Mrs Alice Madeline, wife of the late James William Burnett, of 135 The Strand, London W1. Aged 81 years. Cremated at Homebush, NSW. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to: The British Cancer Campaign, c/o The Trustees, 114 St. Mark's Road, London W5. The Queen's Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital, SE1.

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## Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.F. Thomas and Miss J. Ridley. The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in September, between Stephen, younger son of Sir William Thomas, Bt, and Lady Thomas, and Jane, eldest daughter of Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, and Lady Richard Percy.

Mr V.R. Acheson and Miss F.C.J. McCulloch. The engagement is announced between Vincent Rennoison Acheson, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, younger son of Professor Roy Acheson, of Churchill College, Cambridge, and Dr Fiona Acheson, of 52 Ravenscroft, West, London SW1, and Fiona Catherine Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian McCulloch, of Rafters, Waldron, near Heathfield, East Sussex.

Mr A.J. Beasley and Miss C.M. Ferrand. The engagement is announced between Alan John, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Beasley, 120 Radnor Road, Bristol, and Camilla Margaret, only daughter of the late Captain Christopher Ferrand and of Mrs Christopher Ferrand, Tillywhally, Milnthorpe, Kirkcubright-shire.

Mr C.R.A. Carter and Miss G.S.T. Crow. The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Carter, of Ravenscroft, Wotton Bassett Road, Wiltshire, and Glens, eldest daughter of Mrs E. M. Crow, of Ty Gola, 18 Penybanc Road, Ammanford, and the late Mr P. J. M. Crow.

Mr M.M. Chandy and Miss C.M. Marshall. The engagement is announced between Manohar, second son of Dr G. V. and Dr S. R. Chandy, of Crosby, Liverpool, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Marshall, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr J.F. Ferguson and Miss E.A. Bush. The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Ferguson, of Cheam, Surrey, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr R. P. Bush and of Mrs E. M. Bush, of Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.T.R. Goodwin and Miss D.L. Maxwell. The engagement is announced between Julian, second son of Mr R.B. Goodwin, of Hampstead, London, and Mrs K. L. Maxwell, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Ripley and the late Mr P. Maxwell, of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr N.D.C. Lamb and Miss C.A.M. Simpson. The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs John Lamb, of Selwood Place, London, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Simpson, of Henley, Fordingbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Mr R.M. Lambie and Miss C.S. Dunsheath. The engagement is announced between Randal Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Laurie, of Heatleys, Ingrave, Essex, and Catherine Susan, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs D.P. Dunsheath, of Cross House, Henstridge, Somerset.

Dr A.N. McLachlan and Miss A.M.E. King. The engagement is announced between Alan Neil, younger son of Dr A. McLachlan, of Lanchester, Nottingham, and Amanda Mary Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John King, of Llandaf, Cardiff.

Mr P.J.A. Morgan and Miss J.P. Ogden. The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Morgan, of Putney, London, SW15, and Julia, daughter of Mrs P. D. Ogden and of the late Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Ogden, MBE, of Fairweather Park, Cowan Bridge, Lancashire.

Mr A.D. Roberts and Miss E.C. Paterson. The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr David Roberts and the

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Motor racing, according to ancient Hollywood folklore, ranks second only to politics as a device for sending an audience to sleep.

From the complexity of a Grand Prix we moved to the calm of Ford's workshop and discovered that, while the Italians may have the enthusiasm, it was the French who revolutionized Formula One a few years ago by introducing the first turbo-charged engine.

The programme gallantly avoided the jingoistic tone which is customary in these heroic tales and instead allowed itself to be hypnotized by the process of first constructing an engine and then testing it to explore the critical area in which it would produce maximum power without disintegrating.

There were fifty diagrams to explain the principle of turbo-charging and then it was down to the nuts and bolts — immaculate morsels of precision-made metal annotated with oil of a virginal, translucent gold.

Equinax is a new weekly series which will offer a direct challenge to BBC's Horizon. American co-production money has been both the blessing and the curse of this unflinchingly impressive programme, which has acquired a ponderous authority during its years of monopoly.

Celia Brayfield



Promenade Concert

The rediscovery of patience

BBCSO/  
Pritchard  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

This is the Proms season that gives Bruckner precedence over Beethoven, Mozart, even Mahler. Five of his massive symphonies are being performed — more than by any other composer — and each is being conducted by a Brucknerian of proven solidity.

What this implies I cannot say: it is certainly unlikely that in the late 20th century we are becoming more like Bruckner himself, trusting, religious and contemplative. But it is strange that, for all the frenetic pace of our modern urban existence, we seem much more prepared to sit (or stand) for long periods in appreciation of Bruckner's tanker-like musical processes than were the composer's Viennese contemporaries, who impatiently chopped and rewrote the symphonies whenever they were played, which was rarely.

This performance of the Fourth Symphony seemed most assured in the outer movements. Sir John Prit-

chard's experience was evident in the slight quickening of the lyrical string passages, the manner in which the dance-like nature of the first movement's second subject was pointed up, and the disciplined drawing-out of the crescendos, especially the last, majestic one. His interpretation had few quirks: a big pause introduced at the upbeat of the finale's first climax was one rare luxury. Indeed the only disappointing feature was the horn playing — at times an ugly, obtrusive sound when the players should have been striving for a glowing richness — and the splashy, uncoordinated articulation of the big unisons.

Pritchard's handling of the middle movements, however, seemed a good deal sleepier. Little of Bruckner's "quasi allegretto" marking was noticeable about his sometimes rather flaccid drift through the slow movement, though the mellow, misty quality which the BBC Symphony Orchestra's well-endowed lower string sections brought to their respective melodies was admirable. The "hunt" scherzo, too, was simply too painstaking. One won-

dered what was being hunted — a thimble, perhaps. The trouble with a wild movement like this is that, the more the exact letter of the score is observed, the more elusive its spirit proves.

Little of the spirit of Elgar's Violin Concerto escapes Ida Haendel these days: hers is a wonderfully rounded, natural performance, as happy pushing impulsively through the quick passagework as musing wistfully over the "wind-flower" themes, often adding some choice, (and entirely idiomatic) portamento. Only one somewhat ripe upward slither in the Andante seemed miscalculated or, rather, too calculated.

She also displayed a broad range of timbre, particularly when characterizing the Czardas's fleeting remembrance. At times a tension developed between her subtle, lithe touches of rubato and Pritchard's more broadly shaped accompaniment. The brass were surely too widely spaced for such an intricately woven piece, whatever problems of balance there might have been.

Richard Morrison

Dance: John Percival reviews a triumphant Bolshoi revival  
Shostakovich's smash-hit

The Golden Age  
Covent Garden

First and foremost, it has to be said that Shostakovich's music for *The Golden Age* is marvellously light, bright and entertaining. Unknown until now in London except for short extracts, it proves to be full of good tunes, colourfully arranged, that never lose interest throughout the ballet's three acts. It would make the basis of a thunderingly good musical, and I say that without denigrating its quality as a ballet score, better than any other of comparable length to come from Soviet Russia except — in a very different style — Prokofiev's *Cinderella*.

Written in 1930, it is entirely of its period but with an enduring spirit and individuality. There are quite a few allusions to western music of the Roaring Twenties, from the use of a deliciously decadent soprano saxophone to the set of variations on "Tea

Burly body, wild hair, savage frown: the eccentric, but prodigious talent of Irek Mukhamedov, with Natalya Bessmertnova

for Two" which open the second act. The reason this score has remained in obscurity is that it was written to a libretto which won a literary competition but proved both silly and ideologically unsound once the ballet was staged. Employing no fewer than four choreographers for the original production may have helped spoil the broth, too.

The Bolshoi Ballet's Yuri Grigorovich, taking up the score half a century after the ballet's ignominious flop, has abandoned the original story about Russian footballers at a western trade fair in favour of his own plot, involving virtuous sailors who double as agit-prop street entertainers, and how they frustrate the knavish tricks of a decadent night-club hoodlum with a thriving trade in robbery on the side. It is, I suspect, no more sound ideologically than the first version, and not much less silly either, but the ballet has other merits.

Chief among these are the designs by Simon Visralade — not so much the costumes (although the hats and close-cropped wigs are fun) as the settings, pure 1920s style with their triangular patterns, relieved by painted slogans and

the occasional poetically evocative nimbus. With a minimum of change these put the score firmly in a street by the port, the main room or backstage at the night-club, or various sinister spots in between.

Let me not bother you with details of the plot, since I am pretty sure that Grigorovich himself does not take it very seriously, otherwise he would hardly have this capitalist audience in its £40 seats applauding the triumph of the workers. It is really just an excuse for the dancing, and with Grigorovich that automatically means male dancing (only Béjart and MacMillan, the two western choreographers most like him in many respects, can match his male chauvinism).

True, there is a host of tango girls at the night-club, and a squad of womenfolk to gaze admiringly at the brave fishermen; there is even a not very plausible love-story (for which Grigorovich borrows slow movements from the two piano concertos) involving a pure young girl (Natalya Bessmertnova) rescued from a tawdry life, and a bad girl who dies to save her. But what brings the cheers is the sight of

the bandit gang, interrupted in its dirty work, chased across the stage by streams of cleaning sailors in full flight, with virtuous young Boris at their head. Especially when Boris is played, as he was on Wednesday, by Irek Mukhamedov.

Even more than as Ivan the Terrible, he displays here an eccentric but prodigious talent. I read that he plays sweet romantic heroes too, but find it hard to imagine this great burly body, this wild hair and savage frown, in such parts. He seems born for fierce heroism and feats of virtuosity. Perhaps there are names for some of the steps he performs in *The Golden Age*, but many of them seem new-made: there are amazing acts of daring as he twists himself into fantastic new shapes while hurtling through the air.

Obviously the rest of the cast is not going to match this standard, but there is vigorous, high-soaring power on display from quite a few of the young men who follow their leader through the manoeuvres of the big chase and the celebratory last scene. Among the women, Tatyana Golikova's pert flair and flamboyant manner as the villain's naughty girlfriend are notable.

Theatre

The Petition  
Lyttelton

"In a way, the Bomb is the only thing worth writing about", declares Brian Clark in the programme. This thought has occurred to other playwrights over the past few years, and their attempts to do justice to it have invariably ended with a whimper.

The danger lies in overt proselytizing, in staking out crude ideological positions and hoping that some kind of dramatic current will be generated between them by virtue of the audience's necessary consent with just a schism, decorates it for an hour or so with predictable metaphors, and then manages by the skin of its teeth to create something different.

The curtain rises on two newspapers, *The Times* and *The Guardian*: the former conceals Sir Edmund Milne, a half-jury general aged 80; the latter his appreciably younger wife, Lady Elizabeth. Behind him stand wood-panelled, a wall-clock, a regimental photograph and a portrait of his field-marshal father, behind her, soft furnishings, a curtain-rail, a water-colour. Upstage, the two backdrops shear off on the diagonal, as



Ironic foil to speechless shock: Rosemary Harris and John Mills

though there could never be any communication between the two worlds.

Communication (and plot) arrives when Edmund discovers a full-page declaration in *The Times* abolishing the possibility that Britain's nuclear weaponry could ever be used as a "first strike". The signatories are "reds, queers, out-of-work thespians", and Lady Elizabeth Milne. Edmund's sense of betrayal rapidly ignites a debate on the issue, and exposition floods the stage: she has secretly been voting Labour since 1945, but rather thinks that life is more important than politics; he thinks the Bomb has been jolly successful at preventing conventional war.

The threat of nuclear immolation is no laughing matter, and neither is this play, although it must be said that National audiences seem increasingly to be following their counterparts on the north bank in lapping up flaccid jokes. Mr Clark's intention is obviously to def-

lect the suspicion that he is using Elizabeth as a mouth-piece for his own ideas (which are, unfortunately, as run-of-the-mill in conception and utterance as Edmund's) by charming us with a portrait of a 50-year marriage fraught with shimmering antagonisms and, therefore, a species of war in itself.

It might have helped his scheme if he had refrained from spelling out this connection in the dialogue — again, the characters are being far too helpful in thus setting out their stalls (to quote the football commentators) — but it does at least soften us up for the sucker-punch right before the interval, when Elizabeth reveals that she has known for the past nine months that she had only a year to live.

This is where Sir John Mills, who hitherto has been dapper beyond like a very superior floor-walker, begins to show off some technique in a slow-motion retreat of speechless shock that seems to last a good minute of refresh-

ing silence. It is also where Mr Clark (author of *Whose Life is it Anyway?*) begins to worm further inside the relationship with an examination of different kinds of betrayal, and the Bomb assumes a well-deserved back seat.

Sir Peter Hall's production keeps the caravan moving forward through the cross-roads of speech-making, although the players' hand movements are excessive and at times puppet-like so much emphasis for so little content. Rosemary Harris makes adequate use of her fluting voice to suggest the pointedly ironic foil that Elizabeth has become. As for Sir John, it is heartening for anyone who has spent some of the more significant moments of childhood watching him up to his neck in muck and bullets to see him now in civvies, bracing his shoulders as though against the ghost of a squaddie's pack or rehearsing a dignified slow march across the living-room carpet.

Martin Cropper

Cinema: Geoff Brown on new releases and a refurbished golden oldie  
Feature début of amazing grace and poise

Desert Hearts (18)  
Screen on the Hill;  
Electric Screen

King Kong (PG)  
Cannon Première

Purple Haze (18)  
Cannons Tottenham  
Court Road, Baker Street

Maxie (PG)  
Cannons Royal, Piccadilly



The tight-lipped professor (Helen Shaver, left) with gay Cay (Patricia Charbonneau) in *Desert Hearts*

*Desert Hearts*, an excellent adaptation of Jane Rule's novel *Desert of the Heart*, opens and closes at the Reno train station in 1959. The first frames show Vivian Bell — a severely dressed, tight-tipped professor of English literature from New York — stepping on the platform carrying a suitcase and years of emotional repression. "I want to be free of who I've been," she tells her divorce lawyer. But her stay at the dude ranch for would-be divorcees prompts a radical reassessment of her capabilities. She becomes drawn to the ranch-owner's surrogate daughter Cay, a lesbian employed at one of the casinos. Warned by Cay's love, the ice in Vivian thaws: in a town famous for gambling, she conquers her confusion and gambles on a new relationship.

*Desert Hearts* marks the auspicious feature début of the director Donna Deitch, whose background lies in documentaries, photography and editing. These last skills helped particularly to give her film — shot in a month, entirely on location — its amazing grace and poise. Scenes are edited together with majestic wipes or fades to black, suggesting the slow passage of hours crucial to the story's unfolding. The bizarre Reno milieu is gauged with equal precision, from the scrub-bound ranch to the jangling, gaudy casinos and the marriage-parlour where the officiant refers to God as "the gentleman upstairs". Period pop music, so often used simply as a marketing device, is subtly positioned for counterpoint and commentary.

Deitch holds her players in a secure grip, despite limited experience with performers. Helen Shaver's angular face proves a perfect vessel for Vivian's intense emotional turmoil; while Patricia Charbonneau, from the

New York stage, manages the conflicting sides of Cay's personality — robustness, tenderness, generosity, fear — with remarkable agility. Filled by vibrant performances and an expert script that articulates feelings without ascending into wordy clouds, *Desert Hearts* rises far above such pigeon-hole categories as the nostalgic period drama or the lesbian love-story. Deitch's film is a passionate, beautifully controlled drama about making choices and exercising the heart: in a word, about living.

This is the week for time-travelling. *Desert Hearts* aside, *Purple Haze* plunges us into the bubbling crucible of 1968, while in *Maxie* a Twenties flapper killed in her prime returns, with her slang and insouciance, to haunt the couple living in her old apartment. Both films, however, crumble into dust beside the original *King Kong*, revived in a new print struck from the original negative. In the years since 1933 cinemas have been deluged with outsize beasts and prehistoric survivors up to no good with capital cities and leading ladies. But no other monster has gone on the rampage with quite Kong's character and ferocity; no one has become such an icon, celebrated in T-shirts, paperweights, costumes for hire and all the paraphernalia of popular culture. *King Kong* stands alone, too, in tapping the forces of myth and fairy-tale. For this — as the film producer

portrayed by Robert Armstrong observes more than once — is essentially the story of Beauty and the Beast, where Beauty is an actress plucked from the streets to star in a far-flung adventure and the Beast is her huge, hirsute leading man, discovered on location.

Kong, of course, often surfaces on television. But the small screen can only hint at the eerie visual atmosphere achieved by Willis O'Brien's special effects team. True, the present print's clarity softlights the back-projected footage, the ape's mechanical movements and paws of various sizes. But look at the pain in his eyes, the sly, twinkling grin; the fur flickering strangely, like a cornfield; the jungle landscape of trees and vines, stretching away with the profusion and depth of a Gustave Doré engraving. And, as with all films designed to tense and scare, *King Kong* needs a large, captive audience to work its full magic.

Kong, in fact, tenses a good deal: almost 40 minutes are spent preparing the ground as Armstrong's crew and his co-opted heroine (the screaming Fay Wray) sail to their uncharted island. In these early scenes the film reveals its historical roots. The Armstrong character comes across like a blunt comic caricature of the film's directing team. Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, intrepid photographers of exotica like

*Chang or Gow, the Head Hunter*. The heroine is another period figure: a victim of the Depression, introduced stealing an apple. The whole film, indeed, is an escapist stunt much like Armstrong's exhibition of Kong in a Broadway theatre, showering its audience with pioneering shocks and spectacle.

*Purple Haze*, shot in 1981 by the Canadian husband-and-wife team of David Burton Morris (director) and Victoria Wozniak (writer), spins its tale of perplexed, hitler youth with textbook correctness and docility. Expelled from Princeton in 1968 for the wrong kind of smoking, scholarship boy Matt returns home to a Victorian melodrama. "You look like a god-damned girl — when are you going to wise up?" the heavy father barks. Matt embarks on a hippie spree with a chemically-dependent high-school chum, but wises up slightly when the Draft Board looms.

Emotion recollected in tranquillity can bring dividends, as Wordsworth proved, but there is little sign of mature insight here. By relying so much on the youth revolution's surface trappings, the Morrises render their heroes persistently unsympathetic; only during the scenes showing Matt waiting to be whisked off by coach to the hell of Vietnam does the film achieve a simple eloquence. Possibly some personal ghosts were evoked by the film-makers in private — the material is supposedly semi-autobiographical — but the struggle is never apparent on screen. The unexciting cast was drawn from actors in the Minneapolis - St Paul area, where the film was shot.

*Maxie* is a curiosity: a whimsical supernatural comedy, vaguely aimed at audiences that no longer go to the cinema. The source material is a novel by Jack Finney, the man behind the 1955 science-fiction classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Body-snatching seems a Finney obsession, for *Maxie*, the wild Twenties flapper, returns from the dead to inhabit the sober body of Jan, secretary to a Catholic bishop. The expected happens. *Maxie* goes on to town and perks up the love-life of Jan's husband. Then the unexpected happens: *Maxie* engineers her life's ambition — a fat movie part — by snaring the role of Cleopatra. That Hollywood could countenance a *Cleopatra* after the 1963 débacle is but one of countless wrong notes struck by this gauche production, indifferently directed by Paul Aaron (from television). Glenn Close and Mandy Patinkin, the leading players, deserve so much better.

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British Rail makes £120m from sales and lettings

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

British Rail realized over £120 million from the sale and letting of railway property in the year to March 31. Sir James Swaffield, chairman of the British Rail Property Board, announced yesterday.

Gross sales receipts were £81.7 million compared with the previous 15 months' total of £152.8 million. Rental growth of 6 per cent was achieved and after revenue losses through sales, gross letting income was £69.6 million.

The Property Board is preparing to dispose of all its registered land as soon as possible. Sir James said the board had exceeded its targets for the year, and was pleased that even though 1984-85 was the peak year for planned disposals, 1985-86 sales still reached over £81 million through more than 1,700 individual sales.

Sir James said the arch refurbishment policy had been successful. "Not only does arch refurbishment produce good income results, but also as a by-product it improves the environment, particularly as most of the arches are in inner urban areas."

Midland finds way to expected destination

TEMPUS

Midland Bank's interim figures were as good as expected. They showed that, on most fronts, the bank has found its way out of the woods, and the point was drummed in with a dividend increase. But the results included a number of unexpected features which bear closer examination.

The 195 million pretax profits included a large slice from bond and foreign exchange dealing which helped to boost other operating income from £563 million to £695 million.

Large dealing profits may indicate the way in which Midland is already swinging further towards investment banking, one of its major policy objectives. They may, however, be a flash in the pan.

The bank also revealed higher-than-expected bad debt provisions, a £28 million increase to £210 million. The positive side is that the bank's underlying performance was somewhat stronger than expected, enabling it to meet overall profit expectations.

Waterways board tops performance target

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The British Waterways Board, the state concern that administers and maintains the nation's canals and inland harbours, earned £60.5 million in revenue in 1985-86 and after costs had a retained profit of £18,000.

Presenting the annual results yesterday, Sir Leslie Young, the chairman, said the organization had met the performance target of breaking even as laid down in the Transport Act 1968. During the year, the board received £42.3 million of Government grants against nearly £50 million in the previous 15 months.

US refuses to yield in MFA talks

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

As the midnight deadline approached, negotiators from 50 countries were grappling last night with obstacles to agreement on a five-year extension - with amended provisions - to the multi-fibre arrangement (MFA).

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Sir Leslie Young, recovery in freight division

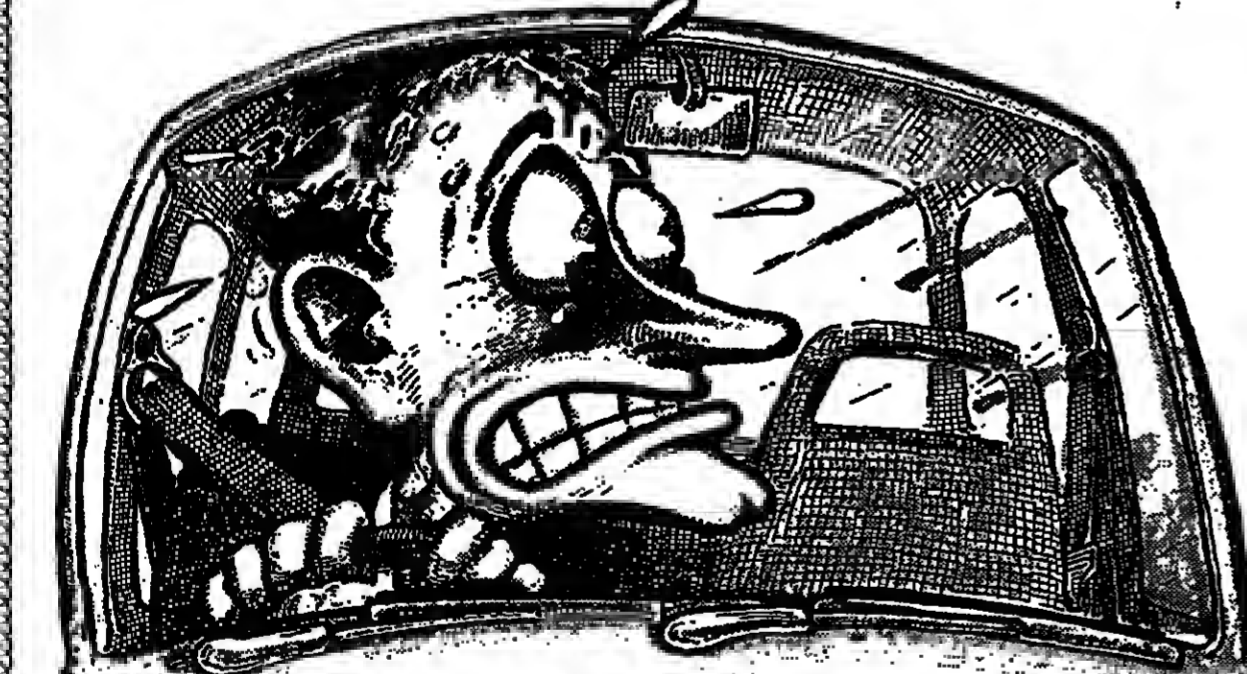
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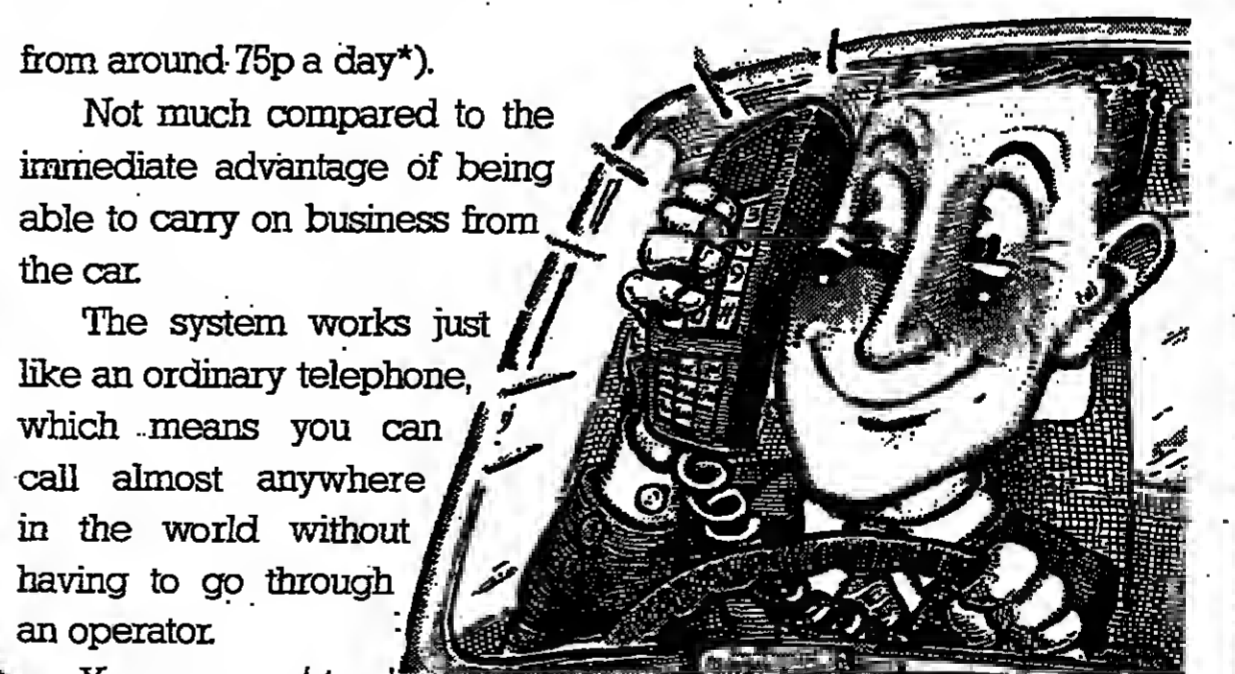
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Dealers fear Lonrho may dive below 200p on S African threat

By Michael Clark

Lonrho's South African interests, once the source of great wealth, are now rapidly becoming a millstone around the group's neck as analysts continue to take a grim view of current prospects.

The shares of Lonrho lost another 9p to 210p yesterday - making a loss on the week so far, of 28p. Some dealers fear the shares may have even further to fall and are predicting that the price is likely to dip below the 200p level shortly.

Word is that Merrill Lynch, the big broking and investment house - nicknamed the "thundering herd" in New York - has now joined the growing list of sellers and is responsible for the latest shake-out in the shares.

At least two other prominent brokers are also recommending that clients sell their shares as the threat of sanctions against South Africa continues to grow and as the rand grows weaker by the day.

one new share for every two already held, at 450p a share. There has been a lot of takeover talk surrounding Marler recently. This was heightened when Glen International, the private investment group headed by Mr Terry Ramsden, started to increase its holding in the company. Marler has already received planning permission to redevelop Stamford Bridge Stadium, the home of Chelsea Football Club.

Interim figures from Midland Bank failed to live up to some expectations, showing pre-tax profits to June 30 up

from £151 million to £195 million. But brokers such as Wood Mackenzie appeared pleased with the group's performance and impressed with the size of dealing profits. Wood Mack is sticking to its original forecast of £425 million at the pretax level - compared with £351 million for last year - and claims that the shares have long-term attractions. Midland ended the day 5p lower at 547p.

Barclays Bank managed to reduce an earlier 27p fall after announcing that it has become the first British bank to obtain a share listing in both Tokyo

and New York. Dealings are due to start today. But, back in London, analysts have been having a last-minute attack of nerves about Barclays' figures, which are due next week. Most now fear that Barclays' performance will fall to live up to that of its three main rivals.

The market has been expecting pretax profits to rise by 14 per cent, from £403 million to £460 million. The

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Put not your trust in Hattersley's sums

To ensure they emerge from the next election as still the governing party, the Conservatives will need to dust off the old, three-part, winning formula: skilled communication of the Government's achievements to the mass of the electorate; judicious "bribing" of the voters through the pre-election Budget; and a penetrating rubbishing of the Opposition's platform promises.

The last should not be too difficult: the signs are that the Labour Party grandees, like the Bourbons, have learned nothing and forgotten nothing. The Party, led by Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley, is moving towards a tax strategy which threatens to make Denis Healey's 1974 attempt to make the pips squeak look mild by comparison.

The problem is that the tax haul allegedly waiting for Labour, if they are prepared to squeeze the rich, may be much smaller than they think. Mr Hattersley regularly comes up with a figure of £3.6 billion for the amount that the present Government has given away in tax to "the rich."

He recently defined the recipients of this Thatcherite largesse as the richest 5 per cent of the population, that is, those with an income of more than £27,000 a year. Yet as recently as September he put the figure at £20,000. This discrepancy is faintly puzzling but the real mystery lies in the £3.6 billion itself. The Institute for Fiscal Studies, in the latest number of its journal Fiscal Studies, examined the redistributive consequences of Mrs Thatcher. The total income tax "giveaway" to individuals on £20,000 or more has been less than £750 million, after taking account of inflation.

The "giveaway" on capital taxes is more difficult to calculate but, on yield differences between now and 1979 looks to be less than £1 billion, and probably not much more than £500 million.

Thus, even if Mr Hattersley were to reverse tax changes undertaken in the past seven years, and, with Yorkshire cunning, limit the impact to the top 5 per cent of taxpayers, however defined, he would not get anywhere near his £3.6 billion. He might do well to rake in over £1 billion.

The painful truth is that Labour's tax plans would start to hit well below the richest 5 per cent of the population. One plank in Labour's platform is to remove the higher rate tax relief on pensions, mortgages and other allowable items. This would bring in around £600 million in extra revenue, but would start to affect sole earner families as well as individuals, with an income of more than £17,200 a year.

A second proposal is to remove the upper earnings limit for employees of national insurance contributions, which would bring in an extra £610 million. Here too, the impact would be felt well below Mr Hattersley's top 5 per cent: it would hit anyone earning more than £285 a week, or £14,800 a year.

Mr Hattersley has declared it his intention not to return to the very high marginal tax rates which prevailed between 1974 and 1979. On the basis of the sums he is putting together in Opposition, it would be wise not to put too much trust in that.

No but, Minister...

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on merging GEC and Plessey is with the Secretary of State, Paul Channon. If the MMC has recommended unequivocally that GEC should be free to bid again for Plessey, then the Minister has no authority to decree otherwise. Nor would there be any reason for delaying a public statement, unless Mr. Channon feels that a clearance would set out such a political explosion that he would be wise first to build up fire proof cover among his government colleagues.

The best informed guesses about the MMC's recommendations are that it is a "Yes, but..." or more likely, a "No, but..." Each would require some positive thinking by Mr. Channon.

A "Yes, but" means that there are strong arguments in favour of putting GEC and Plessey together but they weigh less than the Ministry of Defence's passionate belief in the necessity of having two major contractors competing for defence work. It would be a poor reflection on the intellectual capacity of the Commission panel if its members have swallowed the MoD's line, which appears to have overlooked the fact that GEC and Plessey actually compete over a relatively small part of the military spectrum and to have been based on airy projections of the likely additional cost of defence procurement if a putative rival for the work, in the shape of Plessey, did not exist.

"No, but" would be more respectable. It means that the MMC has accepted the case, including the arguments of the MoD, for Plessey's continued independence, with the major proviso that GEC's and Plessey's telecommunications businesses should be put together as the last hope for maintaining a significant British presence in this critical industry.

In the real world however, the only way of making one strong telecommunications business out of GEC and Plessey, if that is the received wisdom, is via GEC's taking over Plessey.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

A lift for the loan guarantee scheme

The Government's loan guarantee scheme (LGS), which makes it easier for small businesses to get loans of up to £75,000, is being revived by improvements introduced in the last Budget, writes Derek Harris.

minister for small businesses at the Department of Employment. He is optimistic too that the failure rate of businesses helped by the scheme will fall from the present one in three. He said: "By the end of next year I hope the rate will be down to one in five."

70 per cent guaranteed portion of loans taken out. This means the net premium on a loan overall is 1.75 per cent. The banks, pleased that the new LGS will run for three years, thus enabling them to lay firm marketing plans, are clearly throwing more of their weight behind the scheme.

Profitable partners

By Derek Harris. Barsby Prince, a design consultancy rooted in the Midlands but with growing international connections, is in its thirteenth year. But for the two men behind it, this month has been the lucky one.



He commented: "That first year we managed to live, but only just." It was the period of the miners' strike and the three-day week, so work was hard to come by.

The consultancy's growth has dictated the expansion of studios and offices at Leicester, bringing investment on buying and refurbishing premises to more than £250,000. To the opening this month came the Chancellor of the Exchequer, although he attended primarily in his role as the local MP for Blaby. "This young company," said Nigel Lawson, "is clearly going places."

It was Mr Barsby who had first gone it alone. He was joined a year later by Mr Prince, who had taken on Mr Barsby's old design job at the East Midlands Electricity Board in Nottingham.

Lucky thirteenth year for design consultants Michael Barsby, left, and Ray Prince

Mr Barsby said: "We have always tried to avoid specialisation so that we could provide a service across the design spectrum, although we have now collected a team of specialists to refine the service."

They emphasize a strong involvement with clients and they like the practical benefits of their work to be clearly quantifiable by clients. These now include, as well as a wide span of Midlands businesses, many big companies - from Sperry and Westinghouse to Imperial Chemical Industries and Citicorp.

Mr Barsby said: "We have never relied on loans but have just ploughed back whatever we can out of profits. Now we are having an internal debate on whether we should have an office in London. Perhaps we should pick up more national business by doing that, but having our production facilities in Leicester means we have lower costs. Salary scales, for instance, are lower."

The next big step could be at least five years away when it might be logical for the partnership to look to a flotation on the unlisted securities market. Mr Barsby said: "That would be with expansion in mind. More than anything, we are keenly committed designers."

BRIEFING

An insight into Entrepreneurship course at Leeds University will be repeated from September 15-17 with places for up to 40 students and young managers to learn about the challenges, risks and problems of running a small business, writes Teresa Poole.

MR FRIDAY

Binder Hamlyn, for a fee, also offers access to a daily-updated information retrieval system, developed with the University of Strathclyde, on sources of government help.

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RACING: HERN'S STAYER GOES FOR CUP GLORY AFTER EASY VICTORY

Enbarr has the pace to give Cecil his first victory in Extel Stakes

Enbarr can give Henry Cecil a first-over triumph in the Extel Stakes, the £25,000 feature of Goodwood this afternoon. Originally, Cecil, six times the champion trainer, had planned to aim Star Cutter. Tuesday's decisive winner at this highly competitive 10-furlong handicap, but then decided that Enbarr was the better treated of the pair.

When finishing a close third to Hard As Iron at Newmarket a waiting game was adopted by Willy Ryan. Steve Caubren used more forcing tactics at Kempton. When the three-year-old sprang clear early in the straight to beat Musical Youth by three lengths in a fast time.

Navarzo, the Britannia Stakes runner-up, and Fulke Johnson Houghton's fast-improving Shergar colt, Nilambar, winner of his last two races, appear to form the hard core of the opposition. Celestial Storm, First Dibs, Sweet Mover and Travel Mystery are others with chances, but Enbarr looks well worth a sporting nap.

In the Alcyon stakes Cecil runs Queen's Soldier, a colt with obvious improvement, but so far this season only a winner in minor races at Beverley and Warwick. The obvious choice at the weights here is Nisnas, Paul Cole's high-class three-year-old, who finished only three lengths behind Shahrazati when fifth in the Epsom Derby.

When subsequently beaten just over two lengths when third to Bonhomie in the King Edward IV Stakes at Royal Ascot, Nisnas would have taken a hand in the finish but for being repeatedly denied a clear run in the last two furlongs.

Other dangers to Nisnas in what promises to be a fascinating affair are Armada and Wassl Touch. Armada, from the in-form stable of Guy Harwood, is undefeated since easily winning the Wood Ditton Stakes at the Craven meeting. But today he does not look capable of conceding 5lbs to Nisnas.

The same applies to Wassl Touch. Sheikh Ahmed Al Makoum's \$5.1 million Keeneland purchase as a yearling. An impressive winner on Dream Launch looks reasonably treated with 8st 13lb after her comfortable victory in a similar event at York. However, Chasing Moonbeams also showed herself to be an improving filly when beating Negocoy Filler to good style at Newmarket earlier this month and is taken to defy top weight.

The heat het at Newmarket's night meeting should be Orban. Orban, third to Lassomer in a handicap at the July meeting, appears to have the measure of his opponents in the Piper Champagne Stakes. Pat Eddery looks likely to have a winning mount in the Maloney and Rhodes Handicap aboard Chummy's Pet. The gelding was just caught close home in a competitive handicap last Friday at Ascot, by Cree Bay.

The last race on the card, the Beacon Maiden Stakes, contains some well-judged novices. John Dujolet's representative, Arabian Sheik, a Nijinsky colt, is held in high esteem by his trainer. And he can open his account, with the main danger looking to be the Lester Piggott-trained Bin Shaddad.

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Giants must wait for boxing glory

Disappointment for Kilpin

1986 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Games' task force in the pipeline

Flooded greens hold up bowlers

England and Canada are kept in check by outsider nations

By Srikanth Sen Boxing Correspondent

If the late surge in the semi-finals by Scotland, Australia, Northern Ireland, New Zealand and Swaziland fails to deflect England and Canada, the two dominant countries...

takes on Darren Dyer, England's knock-out specialist. The Scot must feel he is in with a chance after Dyer's failure to stop Damien Denny...

Epton's height should prove a decisive advantage against the diminutive Olson, whose headguard is almost as big as his torso...



Patch work: Greg Yelavich, of New Zealand, gives a smile after winning the gold medal in the pistol shooting event at the Musselburgh range on Wednesday

Organizers may call on full-time planners

Future hosts of the Commonwealth Games could have the help and guidance of a permanent group of experts, Ken Borthwick, co-chairman of the organizing committee...

One more hurdle for Dickison

By Gordon Allan



Torrential rain flooded the four greens at Balgreen yesterday and held up play for more than four hours. Before the deluge Andy Thomson, of England...

Line (England) for the gold medal, plays Eileen Bell (Northern Ireland) this morning in one of the postponed matches. The destination of the gold medal might have depended on it...

English hopes diminish

By Richard Eaton

Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers, England's gold medal favourites, went out in what was officially a major surprise in the quarter-final stage...

had already tasted important success in the team event when they denied Scotland the bronze, and clearly liked the flavour of it.

labouring under slight hardship, and it was in the team event when they denied Scotland the bronze...

Cooper picks off his tenth Games medal

Stan Golinski, of Australia, captured the gold in the full bore individual event at Barry Buddon yesterday. His consistency in difficult wind conditions saw him to the top of the field...

SWIMMING

Fibbens to miss Madrid

Great Britain yesterday announced their team for the world swimming championships in Madrid from August 13 to 23...

ATHLETICS

Men 200 metres

SEMI-FINALS: 1. J. Denny (Aus) 21.14 sec; 2. R. Taylor (Eng) 21.28; 3. S. Baskin (Can) 21.36; 4. B. Johnson (Can) 21.36; 5. G. McCallum (Can) 21.36; 6. S. Mervin (Aus) 22.21; 7. C. Johnson (Aus) 22.41; 8. R. Kellams (Wen) 22.88 sec.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Mixed doubles: 1. S. Gowers (Eng) & S. Scudolera (Aus) 15-15, 15-15; 2. D. Travers & L. Clouston (Can) 15-15, 15-15; 3. G. Stewart & K. Phillips (NZ) 15-15, 15-15; 4. S. Shillings (Can) 15-15, 15-15; 5. P. Gowers (Eng) & S. Scudolera (Aus) 15-15, 15-15.

SHOOTING

4,000 metres team pursuit

QUALIFYING ROUND: First four for semi-finals: 1. Australia (4:29.57); 2. New Zealand (4:30.15); 3. Canada (4:30.15); 4. Great Britain (4:30.15).

SHOOTING

Full Bore Rifle Individual

FINAL: 1. S. Golinski (Aus) 599pts; 2. A. Verton (Can) 593; 3. J. Bloomfield (Eng) 585; 4. J. Corbett (Aus) 585; 5. A. Verton (Can) 585; 6. J. Bloomfield (Eng) 585; 7. J. Corbett (Aus) 585; 8. A. Verton (Can) 585; 9. J. Bloomfield (Eng) 585; 10. J. Corbett (Aus) 585.

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Games' task force in the pipeline

Flooded greens hold up bowlers

Torrential rain flooded the four greens at Balgreen yesterday and held up play for more than four hours. Before the deluge Andy Thomson, of England...

Kilpin has offbeat encounter

No one was more disappointed by Kilpin's performance in the first round of the wrestling competition than Dave Kilpin, the London policeman who, with retirement scheduled at the end of the event...

Alexander switches on to the bronze

Liverpool's Paul McHugh, accused of irregular riding in the sprint race-off for the bronze medal, was beaten 2-0 by Scotland's Eddie Alexander...

Cooper picks off his tenth Games medal

Stan Golinski, of Australia, captured the gold in the full bore individual event at Barry Buddon yesterday. His consistency in difficult wind conditions saw him to the top of the field...

English hopes diminish

Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers, England's gold medal favourites, went out in what was officially a major surprise in the quarter-final stage...

Organizers may call on full-time planners

Future hosts of the Commonwealth Games could have the help and guidance of a permanent group of experts, Ken Borthwick, co-chairman of the organizing committee...

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SPORT

# Cram show is upstaged by Sanderson

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Steve Cram ran better than even he would have hoped with a winning performance that more than fulfilled everyone else's expectations, 1 minute 43.22 seconds, a Commonwealth 800 metres record.

But the world class contest which evaporated when Sebastian Coe's illness provoked a predictable withdrawal yesterday morning shifted to the women's javelin where Tessa Sanderson beat Fatima Whitbread for the first time in eight meetings since Miss Sanderson won the Olympic title two years ago and Miss Whitbread won the bronze medal.

Since then, Miss Whitbread has been a consistent 70 metres-plus thrower, while Miss Sanderson has languished. That recent scenario looked like being repeated when Miss Whitbread began with throws in the mid-60s, peaking with 68.54 metres in the third round, while Miss Sanderson could not even reach 60 metres with her first throw.

1:45.42, provided the impetus, as he admitted that everyone knew he would. Elliott passed 200 metres in 24.88 seconds, with Cram last five metres behind. Elliott relented in the second 200 metres, to pass the bell in 51.03, with Cram still last.

Cram made up the gap in the back straight, but was still a couple of metres behind Elliott with 200 to go. Then he accelerated so viciously that he almost had a 10 metre lead at the beginning of the straight. His last 200 metres, run with the same authority and control, was well under 25 seconds, and the 1,500 metres, whose heats begin this afternoon, should be a similar formality.

Cram said afterwards that he had expected to run around 1min 44sec to 1min 45sec, "but to run a time like that in a championship race ranks this very highly among my best performances. I was sorry that Seb (Coe) was not in the race, he would have added to it. Let's just say it would have been nice to see him here".

But then in the fifth round, with Miss Whitbread gestulating confidently after each throw, Miss Sanderson stepped up and launched her javelin out to 69.80 metres. Miss Whitbread was unable to respond with her final throw, and the victory came appropriately in the same stadium where Miss Sanderson last beat Miss Whitbread in Britain, setting a Commonwealth record of 73.54 metres three years ago.

Cram's was an extraordinary time in the cool and windy conditions, as the champion himself conceded. And in the absence of Coe, still suffering from a throat infection, Cram won by the extraordinary margin of a dozen metres from Tom McKean, who nonetheless pronounced himself well satisfied with a Scottish record of 1:44.80, his best by over a second.

Peter Elliott, who eventually finished third in

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Even considering the fine performance, which broke what was then a superlative time of 1:43.85, the previous Commonwealth record, set by John Kipkurgat, of Kenya, in 1974, Cram would not be drawn on whether he would attempt the same double in the European championships at the end of this month.

The animation which Cram's fine performance brought to the coolest and wettest athletics day in Meadowbank Stadium continued with the women's javelin, the men's high jump, in which Milt Otley, of Canada, beat Geoff Parsons, of Scotland, in a very close competition, another Canadian, Allee Mahora, in-

# Curving his name with pride

DAVID MILLER

It was the classic Overt victory: the imperious style we have seen a hundred or more times before but which had crumbled during illness in Los Angeles two summers ago. The old last-lap executioner came back at 31 to give Meadowbank a thrill on an afternoon of genuine world-class track and field, together with Cram and McKean, Otley and Parsons, Sanderson and Whitbread.

Ten years ago in Montreal Overt had misjudged his 800 metres. A year later in the World Cup in Düsseldorf he inflicted a sweeping defeat on John Walker, the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, which was the foretaste of an unrivalled spell of world domination over four laps until Sebastian Coe memorably beat him in Moscow.

Since his bronze that day he had not won a championship medal out of action in 1982, fourth in the first world championship in 1983, eclipsed a year later. It was a sweet swansong, for he cannot hope to repeat yesterday's triumph in the European championships, though he will have a try. The time may have been modest but what a great racer the Scottish crowd saw regaining his pride.

## A gaunt face at their shoulder

For six laps he hung about at the back of the 5,000 field and when Hutchings made his necessary burst with five and a half laps to go there was Overt snoring up the destroyer shadowing on the horizon. With three laps to go Walker, the veteran of 34 and now some 50 metres adrift, was out of the reckoning.

Overt was in his favourite striking position, a stride or two off the leader: Hutchings, Buckee, then Hutchings again at the bell, with that gaunt face at their shoulder. Into the last bend Overt was placing himself to ensure that it was a two-man battle, delaying the blow as late as possible. It came on the end of the curve and with it that wave of self-acclaim which used to seem so arrogant in a younger man but now was no more than nostalgia.

He had so much difficulty adjusting to fame and fortune in the most turbulent years of his career and we must hope that Daley Thompson can eventually find the same adjustment.

Cram's 800 metres was of such exceptional class that, though Seb Coe's presence would have added to the prestige of the occasion, it could hardly have improved it, for Cram's time was only a



Reigning in the rain: Tessa Sanderson throws a victory wave (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

# Captain ranks above a manager

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

The Test and County Cricket Board have rejected the idea, mercifully, of putting one person in more or less sole charge of the England side. To have done so could have made the captain's job untenable. Instead, the name of an assistant manager for the forthcoming tour of Australia, of a more conventional type but with a longer contract in the offing next spring, will be announced today.

The overall manager for Australia is likely to be announced at the same time, together with the captain, who seems sure to be Mike Gatting, and a physiotherapist.

Although the board deny Ray Illingworth's assertion that the assistant manager's job was his for the taking, he was undoubtedly a front runner. His interest waned when he knew he would not be given the full powers he wanted. A good thing, too. Cricket does not lend itself, in the way that football may, to a generalissimo. I very much doubt whether Illingworth, when he was captain of England, would ever have tolerated anyone with the authority that he sought for himself.

## Seeing the game in a new light

Crossed as he can undoubtedly be, he has one of the astutest of cricket brains. No doubt, too, he sees the game now in a much wider perspective than when, after his side had regained the Ashes in Australia in 1970-71, the Cricket Council felt obliged to express their "grave concern about incidents involving dissent from umpires' decisions", and on the major issues of the day he talks a lot of sense. But a cricket side fly not a manager's flag but a captain's. Jardine's did, Clive Lloyd's did, David Gower's did, Illingworth's did and Gatting's must.

In football the manager does almost everything, even to the extent of deciding who shall substitute for whom and when. In cricket many of the most important decisions have to be taken on the field and must therefore be the captain's. What could be worse than that he should constantly be looking over his shoulder, feeling that not he but the manager was responsible for the result and that it was the manager's job that depended on it.

It is because the running of a happy and successful cricket team is best done in partnership that the four names for Australia will be announced simultaneously. They were agreed upon yesterday by the executive committee of the TCCB for approval at today's meeting of the full board.

If they get it right this time, and there is no certainty of that, good will have come from their mistake of sending Bob Willis to West Indies last winter. Upon realizing how wrong they had got, they gave more careful thought than usual to today's appointments.

## Proposal contrary to TCCB policy

I hope they will view with the same concern news of the International Cricket Conference's proposal that any registered player going to South Africa, if only to coach, shall disqualify himself from playing for England. This is directly contrary to what has always been the TCCB's declared and calculated policy.

In March 1982, when signing a three-year Test ban on the England players who were then touring South Africa, the board went out of their way to stress the right of the individual to seek cricketing employment in South Africa during his off season so long as it was not as a member of an unauthorized team.

At various times since then the board have reaffirmed their stance on this. Each winter some 60 or 70 county cricketers go to South Africa. By doing so they avoid the dole, improve their own cricket, help the game right across the board in the Republic and are pursuing in a perfectly legitimate and proper manner their livelihood.

If the TCCB submit now to what amounts to political blackmail by certain members of the ICC they will seriously compromise a successful, important and constructive relationship with the Cricketers' Association, whose opposition to the ICC's proposal has already been established, and run in its best interests. Upon such matters as this Illingworth is now a very discerning spokesman.

## Investment pays off

Guinness, the main sponsor with £2.5 million invested in the Commonwealth Games, are more than happy with their huge outlay.

Colin Liddell, the company's head of corporate affairs for Scotland, said, "We are certainly very happy with the way the Games have gone. There were two main reasons why we made our decision to join in, but primarily, it was to make the Games happen for Edinburgh. Even getting the Games to the city was proof of our success."

"Secondly, of course, there was the commercial aspect, and on that front, our involvement has worked extremely well.

# Favourites in surprise exit

There was a big upset in the Games badminton championships yesterday when the top seeded English national champions, Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers, lost in the mixed doubles quarter finals yesterday. They went down 15-7, 17-15 to unseeded Australians, Mike Scandolera and Audrey Tuckey, who are competing in their third Games.

There had been joy for Australia earlier in the day when Stan Golinski captured

the gold medal in the full bore individual event at the Barry Buddon shooting range. And in so doing the 52-year-old from Sydney made up for his pairs disappointment earlier in the week.

On that occasion a "complete miss" at the vital last stage cost him dear. His consistency in difficult wind conditions saw him reign supreme yesterday, though he was forced into a shoot-off for the top prize with Alain Marion of Canada. It took

eight shots each to separate the pair, Golinski's maximum proving just too good for the Canadian.

Scotland's Eddie Alexander gained an unorthodox victory over Liverpool's Paul McHugh in the cycling sprint race-off for the bronze medal. The 21-year-old Alexander won the first race with a last 200 metres of 11.78 seconds but narrowly lost the second leg. Alexander was awarded the bronze after McHugh was found guilty of not holding his line during the final sprint.

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## Athletes put on Seoul smog alert

Edinburgh (AFP) - A leading British researcher in sports medicine has warned that athletes performing at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul could be badly affected by the air pollution there.

The warning came at a conference on sports medicine and science here from Dr Ron Maughan, of Aherdeen

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University, who likened the South Korean capital's pollution to that of Los Angeles, where the last Olympics were held.

The Los Angeles Games alerted people to the fact that exercising in a polluted environment exposed people to significant hazards, he said. Smog might not unduly affect

## Big hurdles to cross on the sweltering prairie

From Elaine Scott, Hutchinson, Kansas

If Great Britain and Ireland are to put a halt to the run of 12 Curtis Cup match defeats when they tee off for the first day's play here at Prairie Dunes, they will have three big hurdles to cross. Not only do they have to cope with the useful talent of the American team, all but one of whom are college golfers, but also with the sweltering heat and the fearsome borrows of the slick, contoured greens.

Knowing that the temperatures were likely to soar above the 100 degree mark and that the humidity would be around 13 per cent, Diane Bailey, the non-playing captain, adopted the precaution taken by the English football team in Mexico during the World Cup and brought an ample supply of a mineral drink which sustains energy and reduces weight loss, for her team to drink throughout play. Wide brimmed hats and wet towels around the neck are the order of the day if the fair

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## British and Irish girls are to be prevented from melting away.

This problem, however, is not one that is exclusive to the visitors this week. Although they are a little more used to such conditions, Judy Bell, the American captain, will also be keeping a careful eye on her girls. "I was brought up in this area," she said, "but in these sort of conditions everybody is going to suffer. The vital thing is to make sure that body temperature is kept as low as possible, because once that starts to go you are in trouble."

Diane Bailey is supremely confident of her teams chances of adding to their meagre tally of two British and Irish victories in the past 23 stagings of the event. "The girls are going out there knowing they can win. They remember how close it was at Muirfield in 1984, when we only lost by a point and they are very excited about our chances of winning."

## England men quit

Pat Pocock and Graham Barlow, the former England players, announced their retirements from first-class cricket yesterday.

Pocock, aged 39, and Surrey captain, said after a career spanning 24 years and 25 Tests, while taking 1,593 wickets with his off-spin at an average of 26.52. "P P stands for Pat Pocock, not Peter Pan. The time is right to finish at the end of the season, although I'm bowling better than ever," Barlow, aged 36, the left-handed Middlesex opening batsman, has been recently plagued by a back injury after 18 seasons that brought 12,387 runs at nearly 36 and three Test caps.



Pocock: 24 seasons at Oval

## Pearce out

Wayne Pearce, the Australia forward and vice-captain, is to undergo knee surgery and will miss the Rugby League tour of Great Britain and France, starting October 7. Peter Sterling, the former Hull back is expected to take over from Pearce, who injured his knee when Australia completed a 3-0 whitewash against New Zealand in Brisbane on Tuesday.

## Keeping cool

Two British teams will use refrigerated suits, iced fluid pumped through special veins developed by space technology, this weekend to prevent heat exhaustion. They include Derek Warwick, in the Silk Cut Jaguar, who currently lies second behind Derek Bell's Porsche in the world sponsorship championship before the race in Jerez, Spain and the Rover Vitesse drivers, now leading the European Touring Car championship, before the Spa 24-hour race in Belgium.

## On sidelines

Clive Thomas, the former World Cup referee and a director of non-league Barry Town, has missed selection to the Welsh FA Council at a meeting in Cardiff.

## Robson mends

Bryan Robson began training for Manchester United yesterday, but will not join go to Holland next week for an international tournament in Amsterdam. "The hamstring injury he had in Mexico has cleared completely. His damaged shoulder is now his only concern," said Ron Atkinson, the manager. Gary Bailey, recovering from a knee operation is also doubtful for the start of the season.

## Good cheer

Nottinghamshire Council have budgeted £50,000 on hospitality for the world rowing championships from August 17-24, at Holme Pierrepont, the prospective site in the Midlands' attempt to stage the 1992 Olympic Games.

## Wilson back

Rochdale Hornets have appointed Frank Wilson, a former Wales international wing, as their player/coach, despite announcing Leeds last season by announcing his retirement.

Bulgaria, who failed to qualify for the second round of the World Cup finals in Mexico, dismissed Iva Vutsov, the senior coach of the team, in Sofia yesterday and replaced him with Hristo Mladenov, coach of Slavia Sofia.

**FOOTBALL**

## New bid for Wolves

The West Midlands building tycoon Barry Edwards has joined the battle to take over Wolverhampton Wanderers and is behind a group reported to have offered the Receiver £3.2 million for the ailing Molineux club. The bid is "still on the table".

The new offer rivals the joint deal hammered out between Wolverhampton Council and Asda, the supermarket giants, for Wolves, of the fourth division. News of yesterday's offer prompted a temporary withdrawal of their bid by the Council, who have agreed to put up £1.1 million.

Wolverhampton have been warned that they must produce a rescue package "very quickly" if they want to stay in the Football League. The third division club were wound up in the High Court this week and developments today could determine whether they will bounce back.